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## URGENT APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE TO USA

### Government Position At Hsueh Again Critical TENSION IN NORTH CHINA

Nanking, November 23.

With the vital battle of Hsueh now in the third confused week, the Government's appeals, arguments and demands for further immediate American aid are becoming more and more urgent, and are the dominating feature of Nanking's political scene.

These cries for help follow blunt statements of China's dangerous plight published abroad, including remarks by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, quoted in Washington, that China will fall to the Communists unless direct and liberal military aid, plus a loan, are forthcoming.

Now Madame Chiang has made an appeal to the United States, in which she argued that America will ultimately be the loser if China becomes Communist.

Official Government bulletins are reflecting Chinese newspaper editorials and special articles critical of American policy towards China and accusing Washington of indifference.

Perhaps significantly these latest statements are appearing during the presence here of Mr. William Bullitt, former United States Ambassador to Russia and France, who is on a fact-finding mission for the Congressional Investigation Committee.

But most observers are agreed that time is too short for further aid to assist the course of the battle of Hsueh. The fate of that city, and of Nanking and Shanghai, they say, depends at this late hour solely upon the Government and the resources it now possesses.

The latest reports indicate that the battle, particularly East of Hsueh, has become more critical for the Nationalists. The earlier flood of official claims has been followed by "victories" which in some cases set the Nationalist lines back instead of forward.

#### Red Strategy

Military observers believe that the Communist strategy is to cut across the rear of the Government forces with a line East and West about the level of Suhsien, 40 miles South of Hsueh.

Sitting astride Government communications, the Communist plan would then be to overpower piecemeal the isolated and surrounded Nationalist troops in the Hsueh area before turning South towards Nanking and Shanghai.

On the North China front military sources suggest that the Communists are making good use of the present lull by assembling a huge force of Manchurian troops in Northern Hopei and Southern Chihai. These troops are believed, at present, to be pouring through

passes in the Great Wall. When assembled, they are expected to launch a concerted effort to wipe out the Nationalist armies of General Fu Tso-yi.

In its attitude to the ominous military situation on all fronts there is still no indication of the Government in Nanking changing its defiant attitude. There is still no official hint of removal to a safer place and renewed approach on the question of mediation with the Communists are reported to have been again flatly rejected by the Generalissimo. These fears of foreign observers are not shared by the Government, which officially remains confident.

#### Hsueh Drive

Chen Yi's Red columns renewed their drive against Hsueh today, with forces striking along the highway from the South East toward the defenders' only airfield, under cover of low clouds which hampered air operations.

Communists, to the strength of nearly seven columns, holding high ground South East of Hsueh, are steadily increasing their pressure.

They are attacking defence lines held by the Government's Second Army Group along the South, South East, and East flanks of Hsueh.

It was generally conceded here that General Huang Po-lin's battered Seventh Army Corps, which received the full force of the Communists' original drive, was almost blasted into extinction. Meanwhile tension is mounting in North China where, according to pro-Government reports, six columns of General Lin Piao's Manchurian Communists are now converging along a 50-mile line on Government positions between Peiping and Tientsin.

#### On Grand Canal

A major battle between the forces led by General Fu Tso-yi and General Lin Piao, considered the most able Nationalist and Communist generals, is expected to break out at any moment.

General Lin's men have now reached the East bank of the historic Grand Canal along a line roughly 45 miles South East of Peiping.

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## British Plan For Shanghai

Shanghai, November 23.

The British Consulate has completed a scheme for the concentration of women, children, seriously sick and non-essential men in the event of serious disorders breaking out in the city.

The plan, which is in accordance with the announced British policy of being prepared for anything, was drawn up by a specially organised British emergency committee and communicated to all British residents.

There will be three main concentration centres, one each in the Western, Central and Northern districts of the city.

Everything possible for safety and comfort under emergency conditions is promised the inmates at these centres but they are asked

## Shanghai Bans A HK Paper

Shanghai, November 23.

The Shanghai Garrison Command has banned the Hong Kong edition of the well-known Chinese independent daily newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, on the charge of carrying inaccurate news reports which could undermine public confidence in the Government, according to the Army organ Peace Daily.

Quoting the Garrison Commander, Hsuan Ti-wu.

Hsuan also was reported to have stated that other Hong Kong publications containing similar "misleading" items would likewise be banned.

Reuter.

ed to bring enough food to keep going for 24 hours. After this period, food will be provided.

It is stated that the British Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Bullock, himself, will make the decision when such concentration is necessary.

Meanwhile, two more groups of Americans were transported here today from up-river by special United States army planes—20 women and children from Hankow, and a party of school children from Kuling, well-known mountain resort just behind the Yangtze post of Kiukiang.—Reuter.

## Free Market Developing In Shanghai

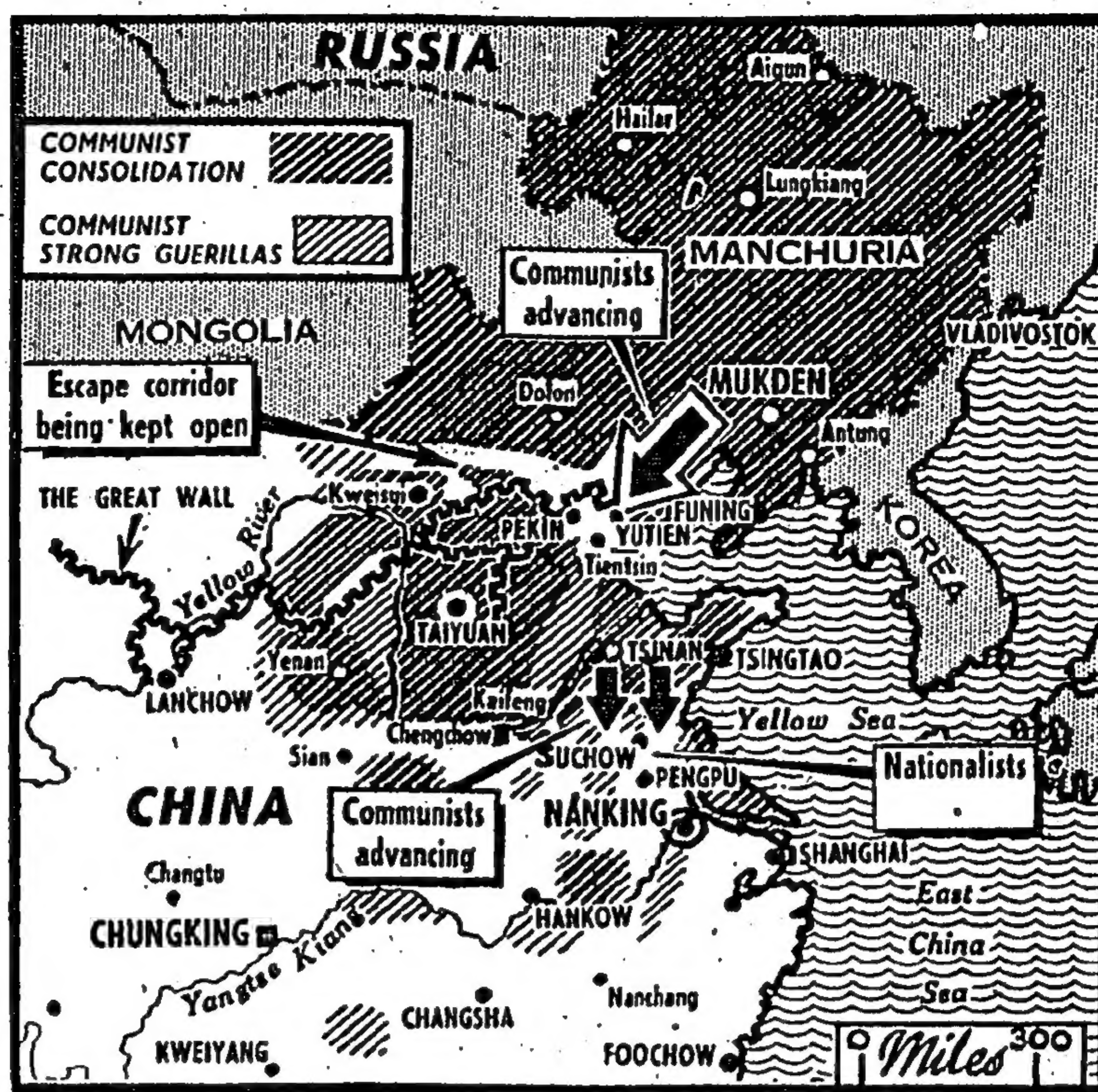
Shanghai, November 23.

What may develop into a free foreign exchange market on the import-export link system, was the start of trading today in United States exchange certificates, for which sellers demanded 62½ per dollar.

The city's 28 appointed banks—those authorised to deal in foreign exchange—reported, an easy market for exporters eager to sell their foreign exchange holdings, but importers reluctant to buy.

In the meantime, spurred by the reported economic police announcement of the suspension of their anti-black market drive, pending further orders, rates for U.S. dollar notes were openly quoted at 62½ buyers and 63½ sellers.

Brokers reported that their deals were carried out in a quiet fashion and did not experience any interference.—Reuter.



## Royal Tour Of Dominions "Indefinitely Postponed"

London, November 23.

King George VI today postponed indefinitely, because of ailing health, the Royal tour of Australia and New Zealand which had been fixed for next year.

An announcement from Buckingham Palace shortly after midnight said complete rest had been advised for the 52-year-old British ruler and therefore all his public engagements have been cancelled for some months.

The announcement said the King is suffering from an obstruction to the circulation in his right leg.

Palace sources said neither the Royal doctors nor members of the Royal Family are worried about the Sovereign's health generally, although the Palace announcement said that a defective blood supply to the right foot causes anxiety.

It was learned that the King first complained about a loss of feeling in his right foot about two weeks ago. His doctors have been attending him for the past week.

The doctors said: "The King's general health, including the condition of his heart, gives no reason for concern, but no doubt the strain of 12 years has appreciably affected his resistance to physical fatigue."

"Serious Risk"

"It would be hazardous to embark upon a long journey which might delay recovery and involve serious risk to a limb."

The King, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were to have sailed in January in the battleship HMS Vanguard, travelling via the Panama Canal.

After the Sovereign's physicians had made a thorough examination of the King's ailment, they advised that the tour be cancelled.

The Prime Ministers of Britain, Australia and New Zealand concurred in the doctors' decision.

A Great Shock

Australians heard of the abandonment of the Royal visit when Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Premier, read the Buckingham Palace announcement in a nationwide broadcast and declared "This news comes as a great shock to all of us."

The Australian House of Representatives and both Houses of the New Zealand Parliament passed unanimous resolutions of regret at the King's ill health and the postponement of the Royal tour.

"I know Australia will endorse the message I have asked the Governor-General to send to London expressing deep regret at His Majesty's state of health and urging His Majesty to adopt in his entirety the advice of his doctors," Mr. Chifley said.

"I said that although we are bitterly disappointed that we should not have the privilege of having His Majesty and Princess Margaret with us in this

country as planned, that was a secondary consideration when compared with the King's well-being."

Devotion To Duty

Australian affection and esteem for the King would be heightened by the knowledge that His Majesty's state of health had been brought about by devotion to his duty as a Sovereign and the deep personal concern he had shown his people.

The acting New Zealand Premier, Walter Nash, commenting on the resolution, said the unique place of the monarchy added to their affection for the King and gave greater urgency to their prayers for his complete recovery.

"There is not one," Mr. Nash said in a broadcast, "who will not be filled with regret at the news of His Majesty's health."

The news shocked New Zealanders, including the Maoris who had been preparing to give the Royal Party a great welcome.

Anxiety was felt throughout Canada when the news was received of the King's illness. Most Canadians recalled that during the Royal tour in 1939 the King, though very tired towards the end of that tour, insisted on carrying out all his engagements.

The announcement of the King's illness was front-page news in the New York morning papers, and radio stations from coast to coast broadcast the news immediately it was received.

Not Going Out

The King attended normal routine business at Buckingham Palace today after a visit from his physician, Sir John Wain, one of the five doctors who last night announced that the British sovereign was suffering from an obstruction to his circulation through the arteries of the legs.

No bulletin on the King's health was expected from his secretaries and attended to correspondence.

Though no definite plans had been made, it was expected that he would spend Christmas at Sandringham, Norfolk, and make his usual Christmas Day broadcast from there.

Court circles today stated that the King was continuing to lead his everyday life in almost every way, except that he did not go out because of the need to rest his right leg, which was affected by the blood clot.—Associated Press and Reuter.

SQUATTER HUTS BURNED DOWN

Over sixty huts occupied by squatters at South Lane, West Point, were completely destroyed by fire shortly after 8 p.m. yesterday.

The squatters lost most of their belongings but there were no casualties. The blaze was extinguished in under 20 minutes.

## SEVEN HUNDRED APPLY FOR SEIZED HOUSES

Nearly 700 applications have been received for accommodation in the 35 vacant private residential premises seized by the Government on the Island and Mainland.

They are now being studied by the Requisitioned Properties and Allocation Committee which hopes to have decided on allocations by the end of this week.

The chairman of the committee, Mr. D. Benson, and the secretary, Mr. T. S. Whitley, have already checked about 30 cases and will continue until they find which of the letters are genuine.

Mr. Whitley said a few writers had over-stated facts but most were desperately in need of accommodation.

In Kowloon they had inspected one Chinese tenement and found a married couple with two daughters, one aged two and the other 20 and two boys, one aged 13 and the other 14, all sleeping in two bunks under an unlighted staircase. The bunks were each 4 feet by 6 feet.

In a cubicle in another room was a double bed in which slept a husband and wife, a son aged 2 and two daughters aged 10 and 15. All had to sleep crosswise in the bed.

One of the worst cases inspected in the Eastern District of Hong Kong, was that of a family living in a room 8½ by 8 feet with no frame in the only window and a hole in the roof. The family comprised a man, his wife who was pregnant, four girls and three boys.

Another case was that of a man, his wife and 10 children aged from one month to 23 years, sleeping and eating in a cubicle 10 by 10 feet.

Many of the tenements had no sanitation and most were poorly lighted.

Could Pay More

In some cases, the husband was on a reasonable salary and could pay more for accommodation but could not afford the high rent money demanded, which was sometimes to reach \$3,000.

Many were now paying \$30, \$40 or \$50 for a cubicle and one was paying \$80 for one room.

An official statement by the Competent Authority, Mr. K.M.A. Barnett, which was issued recently, said the premises would be allocated at the equivalent of fair rentals.

The chairman of the committee, Mr. Benson, said today that division of the seized premises into flats and cubicles would follow the suggestions of a Chinese member of the committee, Mr. Tse Yu Chuen, who was vice-chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

It was not yet known how many requests for accommodation could be met.

All premises inspected so far had been extremely overcrowded and practically airless. Allocation of the new ones might solve part of the problem, temporarily, but it would again be aggravated by the arrival of refugees from the Mainland.

## Water Supply To Be Restricted

The attention of the public is invited to a notice by the Water Authority imposing certain restrictions in the water supply as from December 1, 1948.

Although at the end of October 1948 there was some 300 million gallons more water in storage due to the late rains as compared with a similar period in the previous year, daily consumption during October 1948 has been 1.9 million gallons more than in October 1947.

During the first nine days in November 1948 collection from streams was still considerable, but it was less than half the average daily consumption of 33 million gallons over the same period.

The authorities therefore consider, in view of the gradual decrease now to be expected from stream sources, that it may be possible to avert any severe restrictions at a later date by the early imposition of the restrictions now imposed.

## The Weather

From an intensifying anti-cyclone centred near Lake Baikal, ridges extend S to Indo-China and SE to N Japan. Between these ridges a deepening depression is moving E over SE Manchuria.

Today's Forecast—Fresh or strong gusty ENE winds; cloudy or partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 74.5 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 6.5 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—242.5 mm.—49.99 in. as against an average of 210.0 mm.—82.81 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. Dam. at m.s.l. 1022.7 1018.1 m.b. Equals 87.14 86.06 inches. Rel. Humidity 78 79 % Dew Point 66 64 deg. F. Wind Direction S S Wind Force 8 22 knots. Tides—Time 0104 7.8 High 0143 5.2 Low 1010 1.7

## Tsingtao Arms Dump Explosion

Tsingtao, November 23.

An unidentified American sailor is missing and three others slightly injured, while two American seaplanes were damaged, when a Chinese Army ammunition dump exploded on Sunday night.

The dump was situated near the United States seadrome where seaplanes are based.

The names and home towns of the missing and injured sailors were not revealed.

The cause of the explosion is still under investigation by the military. Chinese casualties were reported to be five seriously injured.

This was the second munitions explosion within ten months.

The earlier and more serious explosion in a Chinese ammunition warehouse took a toll of 200 dead.

American ambulance and fire-fighting units responded to the call and minimised the extent of damage and loss of life and property.—Associated Press.

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## Yuan's Censure Of Mr T.V. Soong

Nanking, November 23.

The Control Yuan today censured Mr. T. V. Soong, Kwangtung Governor, for his large-scale purchase of Hong Kong dollars a few days before promulgation of the new gold yuan currency on August 19.

Mr. Tu Mei-ho, manager of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank, also was censured for a similar charge.

The Control Yuan's censure resolution was delivered to the Executive Yuan yesterday. According to law the Executive Yuan would have to dismiss Mr. Soong and Mr. Tu within 30 days or give an explanation for the censured resolution charged that Mr. Soong and Mr. Tu violated the bank law and foreign exchange control regulations.

It said that Mr. Soong did not obtain permission from the Executive Yuan before he made the purchase.

He had been upheld by the Executive Yuan but still was liable to punishment under law because the Executive Yuan's decree cannot change the effect of a law.

It recommended that regard be given to whether the purchase was made for public purpose or not.

Mr. Soong and Mr. Tu should be dealt with according to law as an example.

## 12 KILLED IN BOMBAY STORM

Bombay, November 23.

Twelve were killed and 26, including a woman, injured during the 100 mile an hour cyclone which battered Bombay, centre of India's industrial and commercial life, for 20 hours on Monday, it was officially announced today.

A communique from the Provincial Government of Bombay stated that the resumption of electric and other public services was expected by tomorrow.

Bombay, India's second largest city, was slowly recovering from the shattering effects of the fiercest cyclone in its recorded history.—Reuter.

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# SIX YEARS HARD FOR A "MURDEROUS ATTACK"

## Company Manager Complainant

Alexander V. Skvorzov, manager of the Hong Kong Engineering Company, was complainant before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Kong Wing, aged 25, was charged with the larceny of a fountain pen.

Defendant, who emphatically denied the charge, was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment and ordered to be banished.

Mr. Skvorzov said on November 10 in Pottinger Street, defendant brushed against him, and at the same time he felt his pen leaving his pocket.

Quickly, he grabbed the hand that stole the pen, but defendant immediately handed him back his pen with the other hand.

A Chinese detective who happened to be in the vicinity and who claimed to have witnessed the affair, promptly came up and took defendant into custody.

Complainant, while being questioned by Inspector Moran and when asked to demonstrate to the court how the pen was retracted, was surprised to find that this time the pen had really disappeared.

He was sure that he had the pen with him when he started for the magistracy.

## TRAFFIC CASE

Mok Tung-kwong, a private car driver, was summoned before Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for dangerous driving, driving without care and caution, driving without headlights, failing to stop after an accident and failing to report after an accident.

The case was remanded to Saturday.



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Describing it as a senseless and murderous attack, Mr. Justice Gould yesterday passed sentence of six years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane on Li Hon-fung, 25-year-old Chiu-chow Chinese, for maliciously wounding Mong Kau, a tea-house foki.

Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel, told the Court that the attack took place on October 7, the complainant receiving two stab wounds from a dagger, as a result of which he had to be operated on in Kowloon Hospital.

He was discharged on October 20, but later had to be re-admitted and was still an in-patient.

The accused was said to have entered the Wo Sang Tea-house, 523 Canton Road, and after partaking of a cup of tea and a bowl of beef rice, went up to the counter, banged the tea bowl, and accused the accountant of spitting on him.

When asked for payment he was alleged to have showed the tea-house foki a dagger in a case.

Mong Kau, who was sitting in the doorway, suggested that the police should be called, whereupon accused was said to have rushed out and stabbed Mong in the stomach.

Mong, who was a Chinese, about 10 shops away, was said to have turned round and stabbed Mong again in the groin.

## Self Defence

Li, in his defence, said he was assaulted by the tea-house foki first and that he stabbed Mong only once and that was when he was acting up from the ground after the assault. He said he stabbed along in self defence, and asked the Court for leniency.

After the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, Mr. Justice Gould told accused that while there might have been some interference by the tea-house foki, that was not sufficient justification for the senseless and murderous assault he had made on Mong, which might have endangered his life.

Sentence was then passed, which included also that for possession of a dagger, which accused admitted.

Detective Inspector J.R. Sykes assisted in the prosecution.

## Reminders

### Today

Public meeting of Hong Kong Association of the British and Foreign Bible Society at St. John's Cathedral Hall; ten at 5 p.m. meeting at 5.45 p.m.  
The 11 Meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m. Speaker: Brigadier F. T. Waller of the Salvation Army.  
Sino-British Orchestra Rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall 6 p.m.  
Hong Kong Singers Rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.  
European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m. "Abbreviated Debates."  
Jumble Sale in Aid of S.P.C.K. at St. John's Cathedral, from 10 a.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Y's Men's Club Meeting, Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 1 p.m. Speaker: Dr. J. R. Rose.  
Royal Air Forces Association meeting, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
HK Stage Club Presentation: "Treasure Island" at China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.  
Opening of Hong Kong Art Club Exhibition at St. John's Cathedral Hall by H.E. the Governor at 11 a.m.

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## Roads Closed To Traffic

It is notified that Cameron Road between Nathan Road and Cameron Road will be closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

Also that Coombe Road from Magazine Gap Road to Wanchai Gap will be closed to all vehicular traffic from November 23, to December 3, in order that the water main be re-laid.

## Personalities

The Guest Speaker at the meeting of the H at 8.30 p.m. this evening is Brigadier F. T. Waller of the Salvation Army. The subject of his talk will be "The Work of the Salvation Army in Hong Kong and China."

All men interested are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Frederick Johannes Rochs-Heymans, Bank Employee, of 12 Broadwood Road, and Miss Maria Elizabeth Dyckemaester, secretary, Mr. Peter Fink, Assistant Manager, Dunlop Rubber Company, and Miss Isabel Stalla-Rosen, stenographer.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on November 23: Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Nevin, Miss P. S. Kollong, Mr. Charles C. Man, Dr. Teent, Mr. D. S. W. Pepper, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leach.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on November 23: Miss L. K. Pott, Mr. and Mrs. P. Latorre, Mrs. H. T. Bannister, Rev. J. A. Munro, Mrs. O. Hutton, Mr. T. E. Davies, Mr. H. Christensen.

Departures for Macao by SS. Wanch on November 23: Mr. C. T. Carroll, Mr. J. Grave Letz, Miss C. M. Guierres, Mr. W. P. Montgomerie, Mrs. S. R. Waton, Mr. C. Silva and Mr. H. M. Monteiro.

Departures for Sydney by CPA: Mr. Walter B. Daley, Rev. Gregor Hagemann, Mrs. Maria Kulikoff, Mr. V. L. Kulikoff, Victor L. Kulikoff, L. Kulikoff, G. Demovsky and Peter J. Brady.

Departures for Bangkok, Singapore, Rangoon by CPA: Mrs. O. L. Hastings, Mrs. D. H. Lloyd, Mr. W. N. Collinson, Mr. L. A. Lewis, Wang Yon Win, J. M. J. Yen, Koi Tok Cheng, Luk Yu Pan, Ho Sing Chee, Lim Kwang Ken, Lin Tzu Ming, Goh Choon Engard and Tan Teck Joo.

Dr. J. R. Rose, MA, MB (Cantab), FRCS (Eng), will speak on "Ten years in the life of a mission hospital in China" at the weekly luncheon of the International Y's Men's Club at Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden, tomorrow at 12.45 p.m.

News has been received in Hong Kong that Mr. Robert A. Bates, the well-known local amateur photographer, has been elected an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society, London.

Mr. Bates has been prominent in local photographic circles for many years. He has been a Vice-President of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong of which he is also a founder-member, as well as Hon. Secretary of the Society for several years until January this year.

Mr. Bates was one of the judges at the recent Third International Salon of Pictorial Photography sponsored by the Society, which has just closed its exhibition at St. John's Cathedral Hall. He exhibited four prints at the Salon by invitation, all of which demonstrated the high artistic standard of his work. His many friends in local photographic circles will welcome the bestowal upon him of one of the highest honours British Photography can offer.

The wife of the Air attaché at the British Embassy in Nanking, Mrs. Nicholls, and her three children arrived here yesterday by an RAF plane. The only other passenger was Mrs. Jean Tchou.



The head of the British Council in China, Miss Grier, arrived by plane from Canton yesterday for a short visit to Hong Kong.

Accompanied by her secretary, Miss Eve Coltham, Miss Grier will inspect the University and hold discussions with the council's representative here, Mr. Bruce.

A leading educationalist, Miss Grier joined the council on March 1. Her headquarters are in Nanking and she has already visited universities at Shanghai, Peking, Taiwan, Amoy and Canton.

During her teaching career she has been a teacher of economics at Cambridge University, a professor of economics at Leeds University and head of the women's college at Oxford.

## TOMMY IN HONG KONG SITS FOR EXAMS

One of the results of educational facilities for troops in Hong Kong is being seen this week, when 20 servicemen are going daily to the Forces Education Centre to sit for the Preliminary Examination.

This examination is designed to meet the requirements of those who did not matriculate at school, but who have now decided to enter one of the professions or go to university.

Drawn up by the Civil Service Commission, the examination is similar to the London University Entrance Examination.

The successful candidates will receive a valuable certificate, for the examination is recognised by the English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, and Eire Universities; by the Ministry of Education, the Civil Service Commissioners, as well as most of the professional bodies.

Although it is not yet universally recognised, the day of Kipling's "Tommy" has gone for ever. National Service cuts across the community and every man is called upon to serve a term with the colours, which means, public school and state school, scholars serve side by side.

But the Army is not prepared to leave Education—where it was every man is called upon to study in the "King's Time"—in other words Education is compulsory training.

For those who wish to take their education further and study on a voluntary basis, the Forces Education Centre in Kowloon provides a variety of classes.

For those going on to classics or Theology, Greek and Latin is provided; for those who wish to take a general degree, Languages, Mathematics, Science and English, for the student of Sociology a course in Economics; for the practical man, Joinery and Motor Engineering, while there are many hobby courses.

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PROFITABLE business without capital—one who knows printing, designing and making Christmas Cards, please communicate with G.H.O. Box 1222.

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MOTHERS, please note that stocks of "EATCO" diapers are getting low as result of shipping strike. Get baby's supply now at the new reduced price.

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## NOTICE MARINE DEPARTMENT

Owners, Agents, & Masters of all vessels under 200 tons net are hereby notified that with effect from and including the December 1, 1948 the Chinese Maritime Customs Examination Station at present operating in the area around the China Merchants Wharf at West Point will be removed to Godown No. 36, Marine Lot No. 239, Kennedy Town.

Cargo for China may only be loaded on vessels anchored opposite the frontage defined by the two white lines painted on the quay wall.

J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

November 22, 1948.

## POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Coombe Road from Magazine Gap Road to Wanchai Gap will be closed to all vehicular traffic from November 23, 1948 to December 3, 1948 in order that the water main be re-laid.

Commissioner of Police.

November 23, 1948.

## POLICE NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that Cameron Road between Nathan Road and Carnarvon Road will be closed to vehicular traffic until further notice.

Commissioner of Police.

November 19, 1948.

## NOTICE WATER SUPPLY

The public is hereby notified that commencing on December 1, 1948 and until further notice, the water supply on the Island and Mainland will be shut off between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. nightly.

V. KENNIF  
Water Authority.

Dated: November 24, 1948.

## Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.

## Cable &amp; Wireless, Ltd.

The Radio Telephone Service to Canton will operate from 7.30 a.m. to 12 mid-night in future.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1949

The conditions of the "Fochow Cup" the sixth race of the 1st Day, Saturday, 15th January, 1949, have been altered to read as follows:—

"Fochow Cup" Winner \$2,000. Second \$1,000. Third \$750. A Handicap for Australian Ponies of any previous season. Entrance \$10. One and a half miles.

By Order  
C. B. Brown,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, November 22, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eleventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 4, 1948, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, November 25, 1948.

By Order,  
C. B. Brown,  
Secretary.

## Carthage Out Of Dock Today

Now lying in Talkoo Dockyard, RMS Carthage is undergoing bottom cleaning and general inspection and is expected to be out in the harbour tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, passengers are advised that heavy baggage will be accepted into Kowloon Wharf at the No. 2 Gate, Canton Road, entrance up to noon tomorrow. Embarkation will take place between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Friday. The Peninsula and Oriental Line liner is due to leave Hong Kong for Southampton via the Straits and Colombo on Friday.

## Threat To Walk Out Of The U.N.

Paris, November 23. Australia today called on the United Nations to accept Israel for United Nations membership, and Egypt threatened to walk out if the Jewish State becomes a member.

The threat was made by the Egyptian delegate, Adly Abdou Bey, in a special Political Committee meeting during the debate on admission of new members. "In certain homes and certain clubs of the United States, Jews are not accepted willingly. In a few days the United States is going to present Israel for membership. When common sense is elected to membership in a club which certain members do not like the only thing left for the other members is to walk out. This is the only thing left for us to do," he said.

It was not clear whether the Egyptian spoke only for his country or for all the seven Arab States. The seven Arab States usually act as a bloc and always act together on the Palestine issue. Generally, Egypt has led the Arabs in the General Assembly and Syria has spoken for them in the Security Council. South Africa was the only other member to threaten a walk out. This was when South Africa opposed United Nations intervention in the South African treatment of her Indian minority. Russia and her satellites had never gone beyond boycotting individual United Nations organisations.—United Press.

## Funerals

Dr. Peter Wong Dr. Peter Quincey Wong, who died of a heart attack on Monday was buried yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering. The chief mourners were his widow and two sons. The Most Reverend Bishop H. Valentin officiated at the chapel and graveside.

## Miss P. A. Braga

The funeral of Miss Patricia Anne Braga, victim of Sunday's harbour tragedy, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Father A. Granelli.

The chief mourner was the deceased's father, Mr. J. A. Braga.

## BRITONS ARRIVE IN JAPAN

Ten women and children evacuated from Nanking by the British Commonwealth Air Force to Iwakuni, Japan, have been brought to Tokyo.

The evacuees included Mrs. T.C. Davies, wife of the Canadian Ambassador to China. Other Canadians included Mrs. C.A. Ranning, wife of the First Secretary of the Canadian Embassy. They will return to Canada next week.—Associated Press.

## COMING TO THE

## QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA



Drink Rheingold The Most Wanted Beer

## Combined Action In S.E. Asia Suggested

London, November 23.

The Times, in an editorial today, called for a conference of British, French and Dutch representatives to share the lessons of Communist outbreaks in South East Asia and to consider constructive action to deal with the problem.

Saying that the shock of Communist blows in China has been felt throughout the countries of South East Asia, the Times wrote: "In collating experiences from different regions, the conference of diplomatic representatives and colonial governors, just concluded in Malaya, has set an example which could profitably be followed more widely."

"The next conference need not only be British. A meeting with French and Dutch representatives from Indochina and Indonesia would provide for a valuable sharing of the lessons learned and for a survey of the political and economic measures needed to deal constructively with the whole problem."

"The evident danger is that the Chinese Communist victories will give fresh heart to the Communists in South East Asia at a time when, on the whole, they were losing the initiative and were being worn down by the Government's counter-measures."

"The Communists had sustained a most notable setback in Malaya, the Times said, adding: "It was a formidable threat to the Western positions and to all hopes of ordered progress to genuine liberty."

**More To Be Done**  
"Without the patience and flexibility shown by the administration in Malaya, without

its readiness to admit its first constitutional mistakes, the attack there would certainly have been more dangerous and more widely spread."

"As it was, the administration had brought the country far on the road to economic recovery, and exports were rising before the Communists struck openly."

"The people as a whole had already been given a vested interest in the continuance of the administration. Yet more remains to be done in Malaya, and much more has to be done in other countries before the Communists can be said to be finally checked."

"Economically and politically, the people must be shown to possess a large stake, a more secure hope of advancement through a free and mutually beneficial partnership with the Western powers."—Reuter.

A cocktail party was given at the Hong Kong Hotel last evening by Mr. M. E. Pett, Hong Kong Manager of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, in honour of Mr. G. Anduze-Farls, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, now on a visit to Hong Kong.

## ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE HONG KONG ART CLUB AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HALL

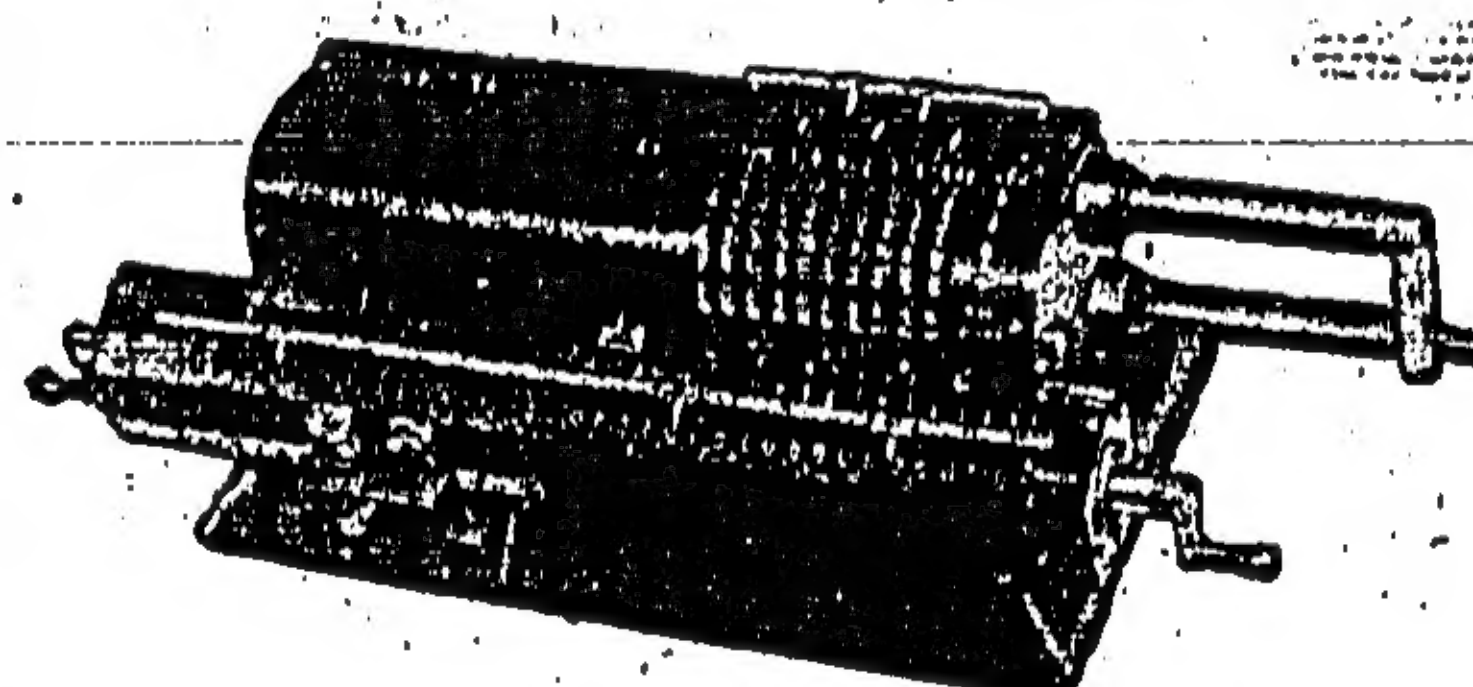
To be opened by H.E. the Governor at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 25th November, 1948.

Open to the public, admission free:

Thursday, 25th November, Noon—6 p.m.  
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Saturday, 27th November, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

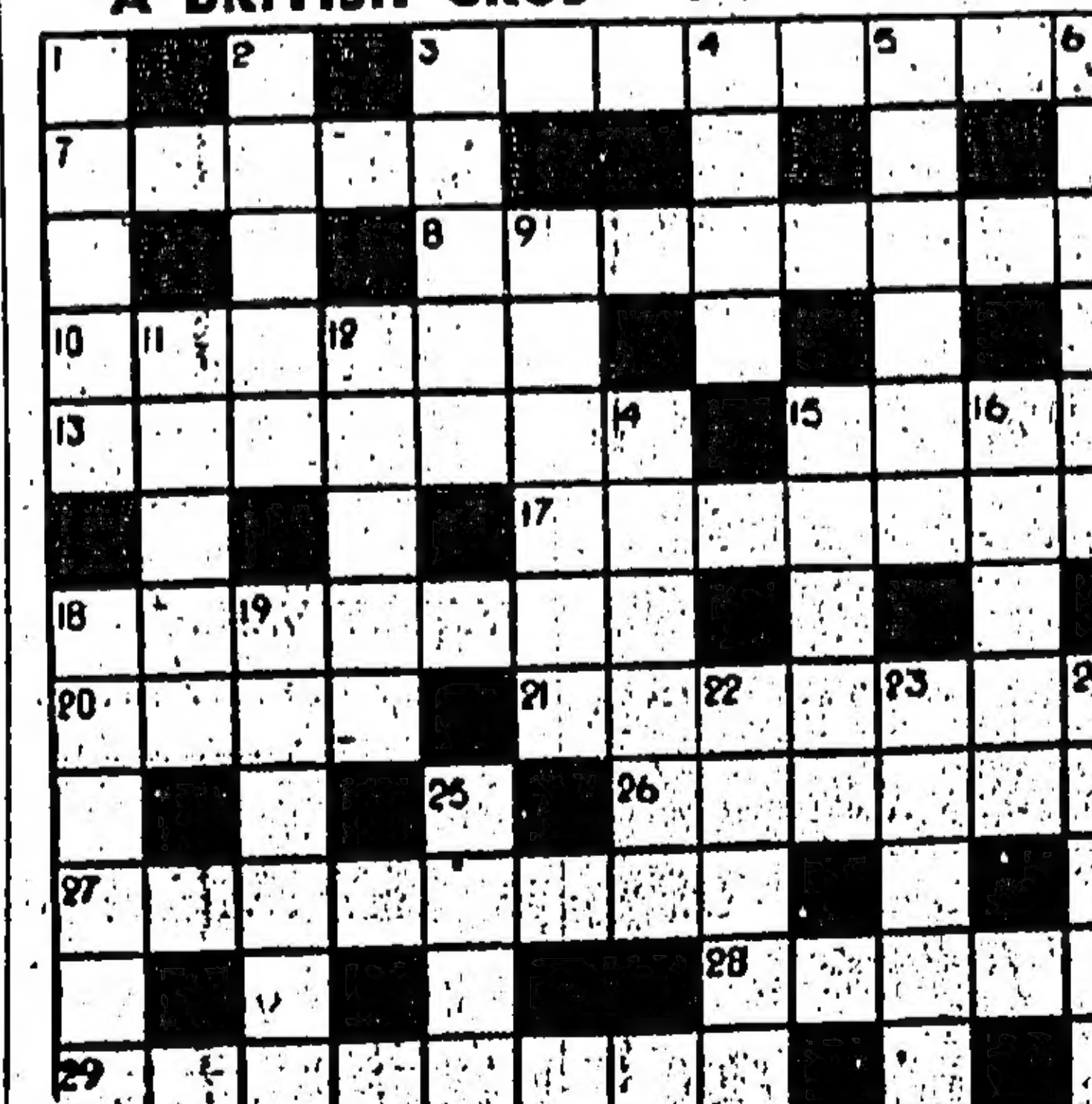
By Shepard Barclay

TIME IS THE ESSENCE BUSINESS MEN, lawyers, diplomats, soldiers and performers in many other lines seem to like the expression "time is the essence" to indicate urgency in connection with one matter or another. But they have nothing on the bridge player who sees that the declarer has established in the dummy a card on which he can discard a loser. For some time, the heart 7, discarding the spade A—too late. West ruffed with the diamond 10, then led his spade A—too late. West ruffed with the diamond 4, led the club 9 for a ruff by the diamond 8 and then the spade 10 for a ruff by the diamond 6.

The club 10 was ruffed now by North's diamond K, but the spade J was discarded on dummy to leave the diamond Q and 9 there for the last two tricks. That made the contract, with only two tricks lost in hearts and two by ruffs, so produced a fine game for a pair to which no game had been dealt.

Tomorrow's Problem  
S Q 9 7 5 3  
H A  
D Q 9 7 4 3  
C K Q  
S None S J 10 8 2  
H K Q 10 H 9 8 7 4  
D 5 2 D None  
C J 10 3 C 10 8 7  
SA K 6 4  
H None  
D A K 10 6 5 2  
CA 5 4  
(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)  
What would you consider the finest bidding of this tremendous deal?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

3 Conjectured. 20 Perils. 7 Rub out. 21 Bolter. 8 Misers. 22 Waittimes. 10 Prayer. 23 Removed as difficulties. 13 Reflection. 24 Additional. 15 Ornamental. 25 Business child. 17 Preserves. 26 Put back.

## Clues Down

1 Purport. 12 Denominations. 2 European. 14 Come out. 3 Spanish. 15 Indeterminate. 4 address. 16 Register. 5 Issued in. 18 Dish. 6 Spurred. 19 Command. 7 Turn/upside. 20 Bunk. 11 Alude. 21 Tidy. 22 Invalid. 23 Attached. 16 Tendered. 17 Darken. 18 Secrete. 19 Vexed. 21 Liege. 24 Titer.

## Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Ambibe, 5 Islam, 8 Andet, 9 Desert, 10 Vapid, 11 Debar, 12 Crop, 13 Least, 16 Islet, 18 Evaded, 20 Elder, 22 Harc, 23 Skirt, 25 Cesse, 26 Either, 27 Enale, 28 Tolls, 29 Exacted.  
DOWN—1 Indicate, 2 Bestow.



## Senate All-out

### Firemen Who Can't Go To Fires

Berlin, November 22. Berlin, already with two rival police forces each officially ignoring the other's existence, will from today have two rival fire brigades. Each is expressly forbidden to cross into "enemy territory" even to help fight the most disastrous fire.

The acting Lord Mayor of Berlin, Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, announced today that after several hours of negotiation, it had been agreed that the split of the fire brigade into Western and Eastern sections is to be prolonged indefinitely.

It began yesterday when the Soviet-controlled German police occupied Eastern sector fire stations and forbade drivers to answer calls from the West.

### SHAN CHIEF AT ECAFE MEET

Rangoon, November 23. The Shan Chiefdom of Moheik, Sino Hsiao, left for Singapore today with a Burmese delegation en route for Australia to attend the economic commission for Asia and the Far East session.

Later three members of the delegation headed by the Finance Secretary will go to Tokyo for trade talks with General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters on Japan's purchase of Burmese cotton and agricultural produce.

## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.2 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)  
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.  
1.00 p.m.—"My Songs for You" Sung by Maurice Koor. (HICTS)  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—"From the Shows."  
1.35 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—"The Point of Monte Cristo" by Alexander Dumas. (HICTS)  
6.15 p.m.—"The End of the Road."  
6.30 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars." (ORHS)  
6.45 p.m.—Glee: Lyric Suite. On 54. London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)  
7.15 p.m.—Songs by Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.  
7.30 p.m.—"Much Binding in the Marsh." (HICTS)  
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)  
8.10 p.m.—Interlude.  
8.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme Presented by Susan Howard. (Studio)  
9.15 p.m.—"Waltztime" Waltzes.  
9.30 p.m.—"Ecstasy from the Play 'Grand National Night' by Dorothy and Campbell Christie. A Hong Kong Stage Club Production at the China Fleet Club. Produced by Peter Grey.  
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)  
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
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## Expert Wants Aid To China

Washington, November 22. Mr. D. Worth Clark, consultant to the Senate Appropriations Committee, who recently returned from Asia, said today that he favoured all-out aid to China and believed such aid could save the Nationalist Government.

The disclosure went beyond the official report released yesterday, in which Mr. Clark said the actual decision whether or not to give all-out aid to China was a matter for the United States Government, not for him, to decide.

Mr. Clark emphasised that the opinions he expressed were personal and were based on the result of his observations, made while studying the China situation on behalf of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Interviewed by the United Press, Mr. Clark said he based his belief on the following factors:

1. United States military aid, strictly supervised by American officers, could effectively utilise China's nearly unlimited manpower. He recommended a training programme with American officers supervising divisions and supervising their participation in battle strategy.

2. Financial aid would stabilise China's currency and put a solid platform under China's economy.

### Not Warlike

3. United States military equipment now stored in the Pacific, and which could be released for almost immediate use, would be invaluable to the Nationalist Government. Release of such equipment would involve directives from Washington.

Such all-out aid to China was no more warlike than the Berlin airlift or aid to Greece or the European recovery programme. He believed it was far more warlike than Soviet military and economic aid to its satellite countries of Poland, Albania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia.

"In my personal opinion, substantial and effective U.S. aid to sustain the Chinese Nationalist Government, which has been so friendly to us, would be only similar to the Marshall Plan for Europe which, in final analysis, is directed against Communism. The question is one of degree rather than of kind," he said.

### Drastic Plan

Mr. Clark's report concluded with the words: "A programme recommended for all-out military and financial aid and American supervision appears drastic and far-reaching. It is the question whether such a comprehensive programme will unjustifiably involve the U.S. in foreign conflict is not one upon which your consultant is called to pass. The high policy question whether the U.S. shall pay such a price to any Communist must go into the same category."

"In the opinion of your consultant, nothing less will do the job. Anything less will be wasted." Mr. Clark was deeply impressed by Chiang Kai-shek, with whom he talked during his China investigation.

"I honestly believe Chiang will carry on the fight no matter what happens. I believe that on a matter of principle he has no spark of compromise in his soul and therefore he would go down fighting rather than surrender."

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They said they planned to fly on to Los Angeles. They declined to discuss their rumoured romance. To questions on the subject, Miss Hayworth replied: "After all, Aly Khan is still married." Aly Khan explained: "We are friends." — Associated Press.

## Judge's Killers Sentenced

Cairo, November 23. Hassan Abdel Hafez and Said Zenhom were sentenced to hard labour for life today.

Cairo's Court of Assizes found them guilty of the murder of Judge Ahmed Khazindar Bey early this year.

Khazindar Bey, who presided over a tribunal judging several cases of political attempts, was shot at Helwan, suburb of Cairo, while on his way to court.

Hafez and Zenhom were arrested immediately after the shooting while trying to escape from the scene. — Associated Press.

## Catholic Priest Killed By Reds

Washington, November 23. Roman Catholic Mission records show that the Reverend Father Paul Hsin, 35, Director of the Huafan School in Chihfeng, Western Manchuria, was killed in 1946 under Communist occupation.

Reporting this, the National Catholic Welfare conference said today that the Catholic Mission at Chihfeng, now in Peiping, also named several other priests as casualties in 1946 and 1947.

Father Hsin, the Mission report said, was accused of being a Government agent and was gaoled several months, questioned and tormented.

"Before October 10, 1946, when Nationalist troops approached and Communists were retreating," the report added, "Father Hsin was shot by the road outside the city, and his body left as prey for wild animals."

Catholic authorities here had no information about a report that a Father, K. T. Sin, of the same place had been executed by Communists for collaborating with General Marshall's Peace Mission to China in 1946.

They suggested that this report was a result of confusion of names. Similarly, the Chinese Embassy and the State Department had received no such information about a K. T. Sin.

The Mission's story of the slaughter of its priests was made known last September. — Associated Press.

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## FINAL DECISION SOON ON JAP REPARATIONS

Washington, November 23. It was suggested today that the long-standing Japanese reparations problems may be settled soon. While details are lacking, indications are increasing that the United States is nearing its final position on this issue.

The Far Eastern Commission thus far has been unable to agree on what assets were to be taken from Japan and how they were to be divided among the Pacific Allies, the United States has been reviewing the issue extensively.

If and when the U.S. makes a new proposal on the matter, it is believed it will be placed before the FEC with a strong insistence that the FEC accept it or reach a decision after only minor alterations.

Without Delay

It is known that the U.S. planners increasingly feel that if further efforts they now are formulating on behalf of Japan are to have reasonable expectancy of success, the reparations issue should be settled without further great delay.

What some observers here say will be the United States final word on reparations has not been indicated.

But with the Army at present engaged in outlining its reconstruction efforts for Japan for several years in advance, it was said in reliable quarters that the reparations issue is destined to receive renewed attention immediately. — Associated Press.

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### THE CHINA CRISIS

Whether the much-trumpeted victories of Chiang's forces in the Hsueh area are genuine successes and, as Nanking claims, have turned the tide, should appear in the next few days. But they are, in any event, unlikely to affect the North China situation which is steadily deteriorating with the Peiping-Tientsin corridor gradually narrowing. Had General Fu Tso-yi, when he was first appointed to command a year ago, been given the equipment he asked for and a free hand, he would have had a reasonably good chance of holding the area, but the actions of the National Government, both political and military, have always been too late. General Fu Tso-yi was given a minimum of his requirements while the Nationalist generals, though nominally placed under his command, actually took their orders direct from Nanking until, with the loss of Manchuria, everything was conceded, with only the slightest prospect at this stage of Fu being able to turn it usefully to account. This hesitant attitude has permeated the whole of the campaign. It has been due partly to the Generalissimo's over-centralisation of his regime and partly to jealousy at the possibility of the creation of a semi-independent North China, which will now be completely lost in consequence. In the face of the abject failure of the Kuomintang leadership to prove themselves equal to its task, with the return of all the vices of Chinese Government, its corruption, vacillation, its reluctance to take any responsibility, and hence its failure to evoke any spirit of disinterested patriotism, it is not surprising that in most parts of the country the advent of the Reds has failed to produce a spirit which is not utterly apathetic. The attitude varies of course according to income: those better-off regarding the Communist sweep with some disquiet; while the poorer classes if not actually extending welcoming arms are hopeful, believing that affairs cannot be worse mismanaged than by the Kuomintang. This feeling was intensified by the currency "swindle" whereby law-abiding citizens were "robbed" of four-fifths of their savings, by loyally exchanging hard currencies for the gold yuan. There is, too, a strongly held belief that a Communist conquest of the greater part of the country would be followed by the severance of any important link between Yenan and Moscow, as readily and easily as Chiang Kai-shek ditched Galens and Borodin in 1927, when he felt that their period of usefulness had terminated. It is more than likely too, that before very long there would be a split between the new rulers, with the customary purgings and, more than likely, a revival of something akin to the warlordism which so disfigured the early years of the Chinese Republic. Nor does the danger stop there. China is not Russia's sole target in the East any more than Greece is her only target in the West. In Malaya and Indonesia, in Burma and Siam, there are organised Communist campaigns directed to the overthrow of existing governments whether European or Asiatic. The tactics employed are those of terrorism and there seems reason to suppose that each of these campaigns are

## THE FIFTEENTH INSTALMENT

# CRUSADE IN EUROPE

## Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

In organising the venture one of the most important factors was the estimated political situation in North Africa. This was an extremely complicated question, which had been under study by both the United States and British governments for a considerable length of time. Both governments were convinced that the expedition should be an exclusively American in complexion as it was possible to make it, but it was deemed equally important to make the expedition so large in numerical strength that the local French government and military commanders could logically plead "overwhelming strength" to the Vichy government and its Nazi overlords, as an excuse for the prompt surrender and later co-operation we hoped to obtain.

Fundamentally the expedition was conceived in the hope that the French forces, officials, and population of North West Africa would permit our entry without fighting and would join with us in the common battle against Germany. However, there was nothing in the political history of

the years 1940-42 to indicate that this would occur; it was a hope rather than an expectation. Consequently we had to be prepared to fight against forces which, in all, were estimated to number 200,000. But our government was clear in their instructions that we were to strive to create an ally in North Africa; we were not to act as if we were conquering a hostile territory unless this attitude should be forced upon us by continued French resistance. Everything that might induce the French forces in Africa to join us was incorporated into our plans, including careful wording of pronouncements and proclamations to be issued coincidentally with the beginning of the invasion.

To provide an entirely Ameri-

can facade to the attacking force was easy enough at Casablanca and Oran. All the attacking forces at the former place were to come directly from the United States. The Oran assault involved the U.S. 1st Infantry Division and parts of the U.S. 1st Armoured Division, both then stationed in the United Kingdom. Since lack of shipping did not permit us to bring more forces directly from the United States, the only American troops that could be committed to the Algeria attack were part of the 34th Division, then in Ireland, reinforced by a regiment of the U.S. 9th Division and a Ranger battalion. This was not strong enough for the task in the event that any real resistance should be met, but British supporting units were so

distributed in the landing tables that in only a few instances were they in the actual assault waves.

Obviously the French African forces and the population would learn, soon after the initial landings, of British participation but it was believed that if entry could be gained and our friendly attitude promptly and clearly proved, possible complications would be minimised. Special American flags decorated almost every man and vehicle.

Out of study, revision, checking, and rechecking finally evolved the essentials of the attack plan, and these, regardless of changing details, were adhered to religiously. We would attack Casablanca, Oran, and Algiers. United States forces would then protect our rear in Morocco, and the British forces, as rapidly as they could land and the situation permit, would rush for Tunis.

I notified General Marshall of my desire to have General Patton command the Casablanca expedition and within a short time George reported to me in London where he was thoroughly briefed on his portion of the plan. Hardly had he returned to Washington before I received a message stating that he had become embroiled in such a distressing entanglement with the Navy Department that serious thought was being given to his relief from command. Feeling certain that the difficulty, whatever its nature, was nothing more than the result of a bit of George's flair for the dramatic, I protested at once, suggesting that if his personality was causing any difficulty in conferences the issue could be met by sending him out with his troops and allowing some staff member to represent him in the completion of planning details. In any event the matter was passed over.

I well knew that Patton delighted to stir his hearers with fantastic statements; many men who believed they knew him well never penetrated past the shell of showmanship in which he constantly and carefully clothed himself. But he was essentially a shrewd battle leader who invariably gained the devotion of his subordinates. From early life his one ambition was to be a successful battlefield commander. Because of this he was an inveterate reader of military history and his heroes were the great captains of past ages.

All the mannerisms and idiosyncrasies he developed were of his own deliberate adoption. One of his poses, for example, was that of the most hard-boiled individual in the Army. Actually he was so soft-hearted, particularly where a personal friend was concerned, that it was possibly his greatest fault. Later in the war he once vehemently demanded that I discharge eighty of his officers because, as he said, of inefficiency and timidity bordering on cowardice. He was so exercised and so persistent that I agreed to a report in writing. Apparently astonished by my acquiescence, he began postponing from week to week, on one excuse or another, the submission of his list. Finally he confessed, rather sheepishly, that he had reconsidered and wanted to discharge no one.

The Centre Task Force, the U. S. II Corps, to attack Oran, was under command of Major General Lloyd R. Fredendall. I had known him only slightly before the beginning of the African operation but his reputation as a fine trainer and organizer was unexcelled.

The Eastern Task Force, to capture Algiers, had a somewhat curious organization. To preserve the American character of the assaulting force, they were placed under Major General Charles W. Ryder, the commanding general of the U.S. 34th Division. He had established a splendid record in the first World War, in which he won battlefield promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel at a very early age and had enjoyed a reputation as a sound soldier throughout the years intervening between the two wars. He was a man of



stetling character and great gallantry in combat. Ryder was to lead the attack only until the city was captured. Once our Eastern Task Force was firmly established, command was to be taken over by Lieutenant General Sir Kenneth A.N. Anderson, commanding the British First Army. It was his mission to dash Eastward as rapidly as the situation might permit, in an effort to secure Tunis. General Anderson was a brilliant Scot, devoted to duty and absolutely selfless. Honest and straightforward, he was blunt, at times to the point of rudeness, and this trait, curiously enough, seemed to bring him into conflict with his British subordinates more than it did with the Americans. His real difficulty was probably shyness. He was not a popular type but I had real respect for his fighting heart. Even his most severe critics must find it difficult to discount the smashing victory he finally attained in Tunisia.

From the inception of the invasion project, our governments carefully considered the possibility of including General de Gaulle, then in London, in French planning. Units under his command had taken part in the ill-fated Dakar expedition, where the attacking forces had to retire in confusion in the face of local French resistance. The British always believed that this fiasco resulted from leaks in De Gaulle's London headquarters. Our instructions from the two governments, possibly coloured by this unfortunate early experience, were to the effect that under no circumstances was any information concerning the proposed expedition to be communicated to General de Gaulle.

There was confirmation of the assumption that General de Gaulle's presence in the initial assaulting forces would incite determined opposition on the part of the French garrisons. During the course of our planning in London a constant stream of information came to us from consuls and other officials whom our State Department maintained in Africa throughout the war. All of this information was to the effect that in the regular officer corps of the French Army De Gaulle was, at that time, considered a disloyal soldier. His standing with the resistance elements of the civil population was vastly different. But at that moment, resistance elements, particularly in Africa, were inarticulate and ineffective—and we had to win over the armed services as a first objective.

It is possible to understand why De Gaulle was disliked within the ranks of the French Army. At the time of France's surrender in 1940 the officers who remained in the Army had accepted the position and orders of their government and had given up the fight. From their viewpoint, if the course chosen by De Gaulle was correct, then every French officer who obeyed the orders of his government was a traitor. If De Gaulle was a loyal Frenchman, they had to regard themselves as cowards. Naturally the officers did not choose to think of themselves in this light; rather they considered themselves as loyal Frenchmen carrying out the orders of constituted civilian authority, and it followed that they officially and personally regarded De Gaulle as a deserter.

To Be Continued

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

### PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S VICTORY LESSON

Memorandum to the Conservative Party.

Attention, please, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden, all party whips, organizers, members, supporters, candidates and young hopefuls.

It is one week since the American Presidential election.

Has the lesson been learned? Is the message plain?

If the answer is "No," then the chances are slight of the Conservative Party replacing the Socialists in 1950.

If you look to the old line, playing it safe, as the Republicans did, if you represent big business, special interests, privilege, and the people with correct accents, I'm afraid you are lost.

Your best hope is to go out and do battle, as Harry Truman did. Get to the people and talk their language, announce the profit-sharing projects, woo the unions, and out-perform the Socialist Party with free enterprise.

Throw out the cautious and cunning men, fire the scientific experts, purge the plutocrats, and banish the Brahmins. Win over the working man and you will win the election.

If there is any Conservative (modernise that party title too) who doubts me, a trip to the post-election U.S. will convince him.

It is now utterly plain that a Right-Wing party—de Gaulle's victory in France is hardly relevant—cannot win a free election if it talks platitudes and generalities, lectures the voters, scoffs at progressive legislation, packs its platform with representatives of the moneyed classes, and relies on politicians and an arrogant Press.

President Truman's victory has made clear politically the direct line our times. The New Deal is not dead, though now they call it the "Trudical."

Roosevelt's heritage has not withered away. Everyone but the people thought so. Only the people and Harry Truman, who is one of them, weren't fooled.

The business men were, the professional politicians, the editors were, and most fooled of all were the columnists—including this one.

They All Knew

None of us has a worthwhile alibi, although I take some slight pride from saying in print before the polls opened, that had I been American I would have voted for Truman.

The U.S. is a happy place to live in just now. Everyone seems jubilant. An extraordinary number of people I never even suspected announce they thought all along Truman would win.

No one apparently voted for Dewey. The odds of 16 to 1 on the Governor must have been a cooked-up colunmy. Truman never did look like losing—didn't he say so himself?

All this is admirable and very human. About the only person who isn't indulging in crowing or telling other people to eat crow is the President himself. In his hour of triumph he has rejected all temptation to indulge in a little self-glory or a mild "I told you so."

He is shaking by the hand warmly men who knifed him, beaming on Southern rebels, remarking kindly about Muttiner Henry Wallace, and saying he takes no credit for anything—it was all the people's doing.

At the Pinnacle

This modesty has the populace drooling into their beer and saying: "What a guy, what a regular feller." Today Harry Truman is at the very pinnacle of popular favour, more passionately loved than even the great Roosevelt (there was occasionally an aristocratic aloofness about F.D.R.).

At the moment Mr. Truman could ask for anything and it would be granted. Instead, and this is typical of the man, he is sitting quietly at Key West, Florida, resting up and thinking about things.

New York is still boiling with excitement over the election post-mortem, but in the past day or two other topics have crept into table-talk.

Interest in the forthcoming royal birth is intense, particularly among women. Perhaps you do not realise how popular Britain's Royal Family is in this Republic, which rejected a king.

Well, a tip-off is that the crowds which welcomed the King and Queen to Washington a few months before the war were approximately the same in size as those which greeted President Truman when he returned to the capital last Friday.

Magazines and feature pages of newspapers are decorated with photographs of Princess Elizabeth and Philip, and there are long articles about Court traditions and rules. Suspense is considerable.

Golden Gushers

The city is also talking about the super boom in Texas, gushing with oil and millionaires. To possess a mere million dollars is commonplace, and there are a least a dozen men there worth over 50,000,000 dollars each, half

a dozen worth more than 100,000,000 dollars (£25,000,000) apiece. And this is just one State.

It is also talking about Joe Louis, who is not only broke but in the red and therefore determined to fight again to recoup his fortune, if possible, but definitely to wipe out his deficit about the Horse Show—the most colourful and formal event of the season—star turn the riding of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In fashions the Truman look has arrived—neat, natty, nimble-looking costumes priced at less than £5, and guaranteed to wear well.

The Alibi Hunt

Hollywood, still shaken by the election results, is looking around for alibis, like everyone else.

Most of the big studios had predated their plans on a Dewey victory.

Now all those plans have been hurled through the window and the film people are pointing out that Harry Truman, after all, is one of themselves—a plannoplayer, and quite obviously the greatest showman in the country.

The unhappiest man in California is Governor Earl Warren, who could not even carry his own State with all of Hollywood's help.

Many actors and actresses are pleased that the public opinion pollsters have been discredited. Films, theatres, and radio are as contemptuous today of professional polls as President Truman, and much more bitter and vindictive.

The election also demonstrated that big box-office names in the entertainment business cannot lure voters. Governor Dewey had a bigger line-up of stars than Ziegfeld, Cochran, and Shubert combined ever had under contract, and what did they do? They flopped. The public, knowing that actors and actresses can portray any emotion at will—fervour, indignation, faith, scepticism—simply do not go for political rantings from gnomes.


The Transatlantic interchange of talent gets busier. Sir Charles Cochran, Vivian Ellis, and Henry Shorek sailed back to England on Saturday, and Herbert Wilcox, Anna Neagle, and Sir Arthur Jarratt arrived.

The success of Arthur Rank's "Hamlet" is now so great that the film is to be released in Negro cinemas at the high-scale price of 10s. a seat. Usually pictures don't show in coloured cinemas until they have been in rounds all over the country.

Footnote: Whatever it is—it is certainly not Truman.

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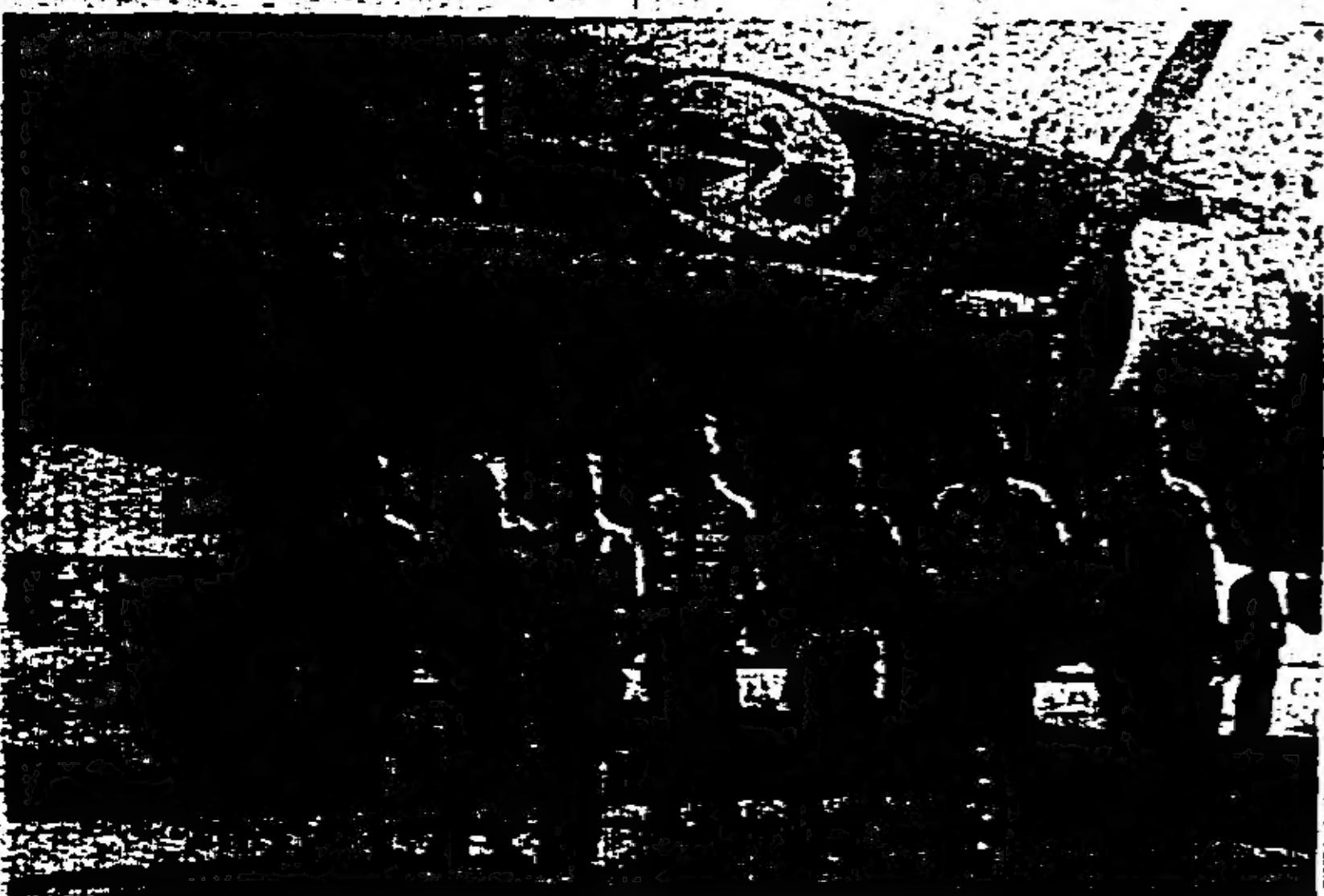




Chinese GI war brides and husbands waiting to fly to the United States before the immigration deadline. (China Mail photo)



His Majesty the King reviewing 8,000 members of the Territorial Army on the Guards parade ground in Hyde Park. (AP)



Former members of the 14th Air Force "Flying Tigers" now operating PAL's "GI War Bride" plane. (China Mail photo)



Some of the Chinese war brides boarding the Flying Tiger. (China Mail photo)



Guests at a dinner party at the Cafe de Chine in honour of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rapista, winners of a quiz contest conducted by the Universal Picture Inc. Winners of the contest, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro A. Rapista. (China Mail photo)



Mr. Jhunhunwalla, who has an export and import business in India, with his wife during their recent visit to Hong Kong. (China Mail photo)



Mr. Henri Lacaze with his bride after their marriage at St. Joseph's Church on November 16. (Mee Cheung)



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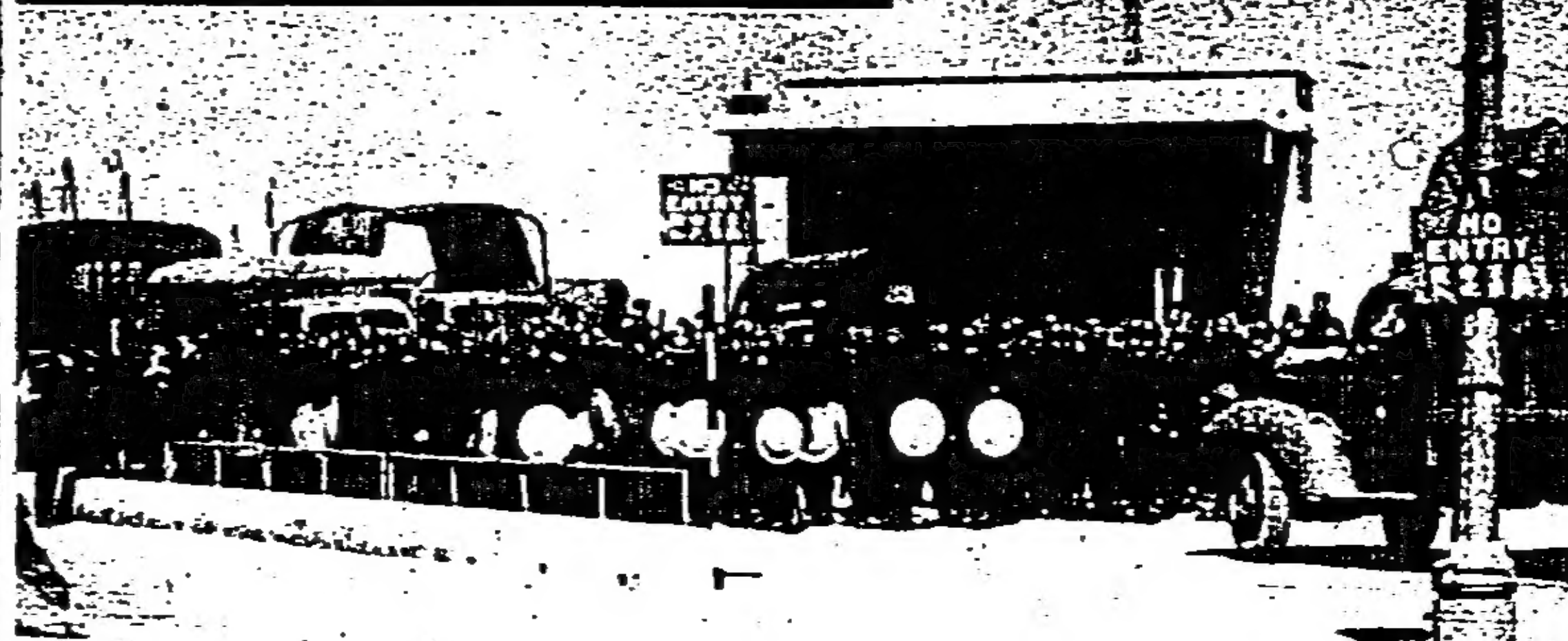
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Chinese GI war brides and husbands waiting to fly to the United States before the immigration deadline. (China Mail photo)



His Majesty the King reviewing 8,000 members of the Territorial Army on the Guards parade ground in Hyde Park. (AP)



Former members of the 14th Air Force "Flying Tigers" now operating PAL's "GI War Bride" plane. (China Mail photo)



Some of the Chinese war brides boarding the Flying Tiger. (China Mail photo)



Guests at a dinner party at the Cafe de Chine in honour of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rapista, winners of a quiz contest conducted by the Universal Picture Inc. Winners of the contest, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro A. Rapista. (China Mail photo)



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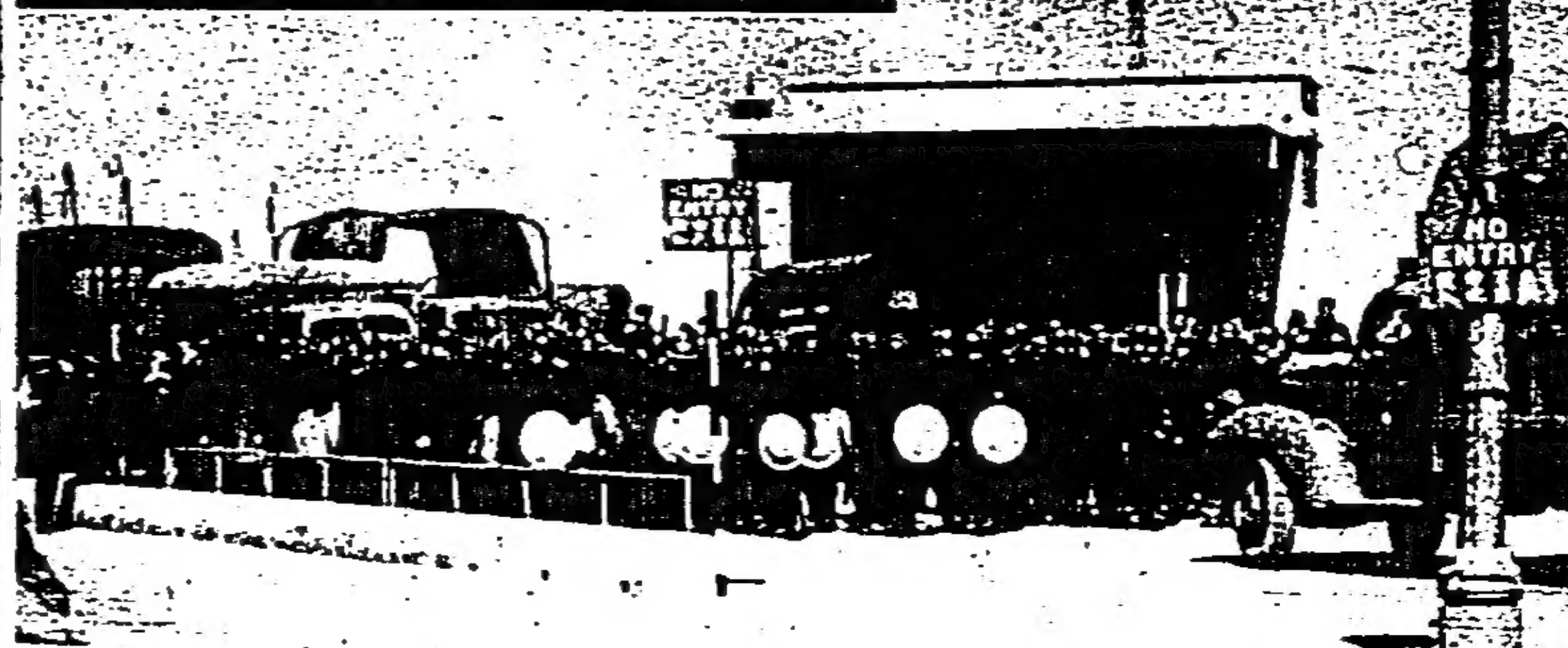
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# 25th Field Regiment R.A. Annual Regimental Ball At K.C.C.

These happy groups were photographed during the annual Regimental Ball of the 25 Field Regiment. The ball was celebrated with its usual success at the KCC on Wednesday night.

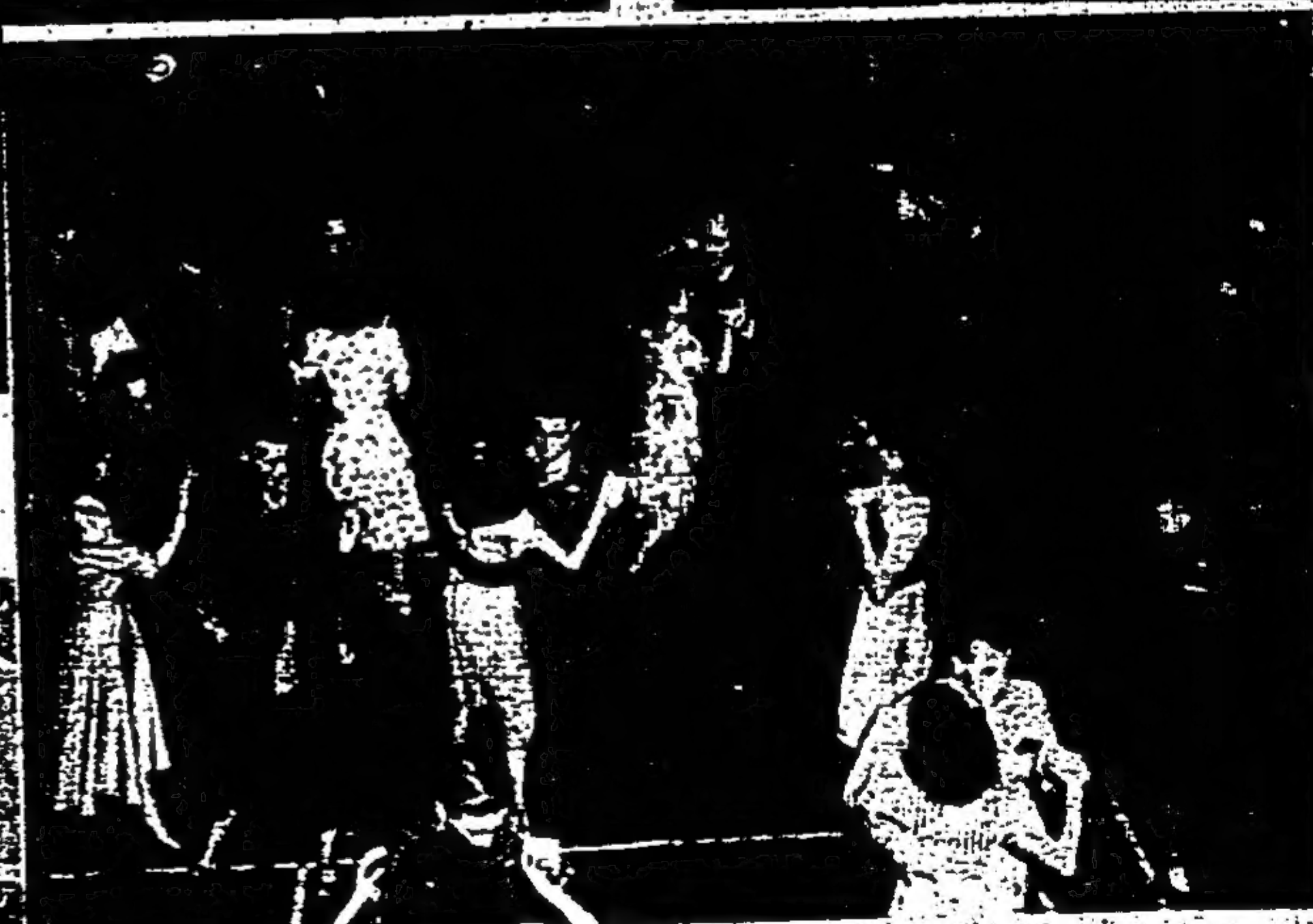
A group of officers of the Royal Navy, Army and Air Force who attended. (China Mail photo)



Among those who attended the regimental ball were (L. to R.) B. S.M. Kelley, Lieut. Col. Lamont and Major Haig. (China Mail photo)



Servicemen and their partners photographed during an interval in the dancing. (China Mail photo)



A second group photographed during a dance. (China Mail photo)



Part of the crowded hall showing the orchestra in "full swing" during the ball. (China Mail photo)



# MORE BABY COMPETITION ENTRIES.





# MARSHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON CHINA WAR

Washington, November 23.

President Truman received a "very informative" report from the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, yesterday on the critical situation in China and the rest of the entire field of American foreign relations.

Charles G. Ross, President Truman's press secretary, declined to disclose after the meeting whether any decisions were made on China or any other foreign policy issue.

Mr. Ross met reporters after checking directly with the President to see what he could tell about the results of this first post-election conference between Mr. Truman and Mr. Marshall.

Asked whether Mr. Marshall would stay on as Secretary of State, Mr. Ross said there was nothing to be added to what Mr. Truman said at Key West, Florida—that he wants Mr. Marshall to stay.

Before conferring with Mr. Marshall, Mr. Truman heard from Ambassador W. Averell Harriman that the outcome of the U.S. presidential election had created a wave of enthusiasm across Europe.

Harriman said to reporters after the meeting:

"I told him a feeling exists in Europe that liberalism is in the ascendency here as against the thought that reactionary tendencies were."

The President was on hand to greet Mr. Marshall when the latter arrived by plane from Paris yesterday morning. Later the two men conferred at the White House and continued their talk at a luncheon in Blair House, across the street.

## China Offensive

There was no immediate disclosure of the precise topics, but they were believed to include the smashing Communist offensive in China against which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has asked American aid, the Berlin crisis, and generally a progress report from Mr. Marshall on developments in the cold war.

Diplomats also expected a decision on Mr. Marshall's future Cabinet status. He has recently told friends that he had long wanted to retire but speculation in advance of the White House meeting was that President Truman would ask him to remain in office at least for some months yet.

Mr. Marshall declined to discuss with newsmen issues pending before the United Nations.

## Antarctic Proposal Turned Down

Washington, November 22.

Norway has rejected an American proposal for the internationalisation of part of the Antarctic, diplomatic officials reported today.

Norway's Ambassador to the United States, M. Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne, made known his country's opposition in a note to the State Department on November 15. Diplomatic officials told reporters that the Norwegian Government has declared that it preferred to look out for its own interests in the area.

The Norwegians have claimed two large areas, Peter Land and Queen Maud Land, both used as bases for Norwegian whaling expeditions.—Reuter.

## Crash On Lawn Of Mansion

Andover, November 22.

Nine were killed when a Berlin air lift plane crashed and burst into flames at Chute, near here, in dense fog tonight.

There was only one survivor. The plane, which was returning from service in the air lift for maintenance inspection, crashed shortly after darkness had fallen, plunging into the lawn of a mansion and skidding to a stop at the edge of a clump of trees, where it caught fire.

The villagers of Chute, a hill village on the Hampshire-Wiltshire border, dashed out into the night when they heard the crash, but rescue operations were hindered by the fog.

The rescuers were met by the survivors, who staggered out of the trees with most of their clothes either burned or torn off.

Although injured and suffering from shock he was able to tell ambulance men on his way to hospital that there had been nine other people on the plane with him.—Reuter.

# Communism Out To Corrupt Religion

Washington, November 23.

The House Un-American Activities Committee said today that Communists are seeking to "corrupt" religion in the United States by infiltrating churches and church organisations.

The committee said that if the Reds should seize power in this country, Americans would have to choose at once between church and Communism.

"If you should choose the church, then prepare for persecution," the committee said in a pamphlet entitled "One Hundred Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

It is one of a series of committee reports to be published before the end of the year, dealing with Communist influences and threats to various phases of American life.

Forthcoming reports will focus on Communism in education, labour and government.

"You cannot be a Communist and believe in God," the report said. "That is the long and short of it. You cannot believe in God and have a peaceable life under Communism."

## YMCA A Target

"In all their plans, the Communists mark down religion as an enemy number one."

"Where they dominate, they attack it head on. Where they do not dominate, they try to deceive and corrupt from within just as they do in government, in education, in labour unions, and through a nation's general life."

The committee said the YMCA and the YWCA are both Communist "targets" with the Reds trying to "dig into such groups any way and any time they can."—Associated Press.

## CROWN PRINCE AT CLIVEDEN

London, November 22.

Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden, who is on his annual private visit to Britain, spent the week-end with Lord and Lady Astor at Cliveden, their country estate at Taplow, Buckinghamshire.

He had just returned from a five day visit to Paris.

Meanwhile, Crown Princess Louise has remained with her mother, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, at Kensington Palace.

The Crown Princess, who is an aunt of the Duke of Edinburgh, said today that she did not know whether she and her husband would see their new great-nephew, Princess Elizabeth's baby—before returning home on November 27.—Reuter.

## Not Returning?

He said he did not know whether he would return to Paris.

The fact that Mrs. Marshall came home with him and that his secretary, Brigadier General Carter, also came back, was taken by some of those present to mean that he probably would not go back to Paris.

Mr. Marshall spent about two hours in his State Department office conferring with Mr. Robert Lovett and other officials before meeting Mr. Truman for a second time to begin the long awaited foreign policy discussion.

The two men talked for 45 minutes in the President's office, then crossed Pennsylvania Avenue to Blair House, where the President is now living temporarily and where he received the Cabinet for the regular Monday Cabinet luncheon.—Associated Press.

## JAP WOMEN TAKE A HAND

Tokyo, November 22.

Japanese womanhood today again showed indications of awakening out of traditional obscurity when the nation's first ladies launched a drive to collect funds at street corners for the forthcoming general elections.

The drive originated with Mrs. Aizawa and Mrs. Joji Hayashi, wives of the Transportation Minister and the Welfare Minister, who are heading the women's section of the Democratic Liberal Party aimed at preventing a recurrence of the political scandals which marked recent cabinets.—United Press.

# "U.S. Responsible For China War"

Montreal, November 22.

The Nationalist Government holds the United States morally responsible for the present situation in China.

Dr. Lai Lien, a member of the Legislative Yuan, said this at a press conference here today.

On the other hand, Dr. Lai said, the Chinese people have never looked upon Canada as a Commonwealth nation, but rather as a Pacific power always friendly to China.

The Nationalist Government of China was glad now, more than ever, that it refused Mr. George Marshall's suggestion that the Nationalist Government form a coalition Government with the Communist forces, about a year ago, he said.

"If we had adhered to General Marshall's suggestion then, we would now find ourselves in such a position that we could not fight the Communists and China would become another Czechoslovakia."

The Chinese Nationalist forces numbered about 3,000,000 men, whereas the Communist forces amounted to approximately 2,000,000. However, he added, the Communists were better equipped to fight a war since they had inherited from the Russians arms and ammunition which Russia had seized from the Japanese forces at the end of the war.

Dr. Lai Lien is touring Canada to enlist public support for the Chinese Nationalist Government.—United Press.

## Pessimism On Berlin Dispute

Paris, November 22.

Differences of opinion among the American, British and French delegates today delayed the reply of the Western Allies to the UN questionnaire on the Berlin currency situation.

Dr. Jung Brumaglia of the Argentine, President of the UN Security Council, submitted the questions in a new attempt to find a solution to the Berlin crisis. Russia has already sent its answer.

However, when Dr. Philip Jessup (USA), Sir Alexander Cadogan (UK) and M. Alexandre Parodi (France) met this evening to co-ordinate their replies, they could not agree on the identical wording. They will meet again tomorrow, hoping to complete their answers by then as the differences are comparatively minor.

Though the United States, Britain and France are co-operating in all United Nations attempts to solve the Berlin dispute, their delegates were somewhat pessimistic. They saw no sign that any of the Big Four powers was ready to change its position to the extent of bringing about agreement.—United Press.

## Britain Blanketed By A Pea-Souper Fog

London, November 22.

A thick fog lay across almost the whole of Britain today, bringing shipping to a standstill on some of the country's most important rivers, dislocating air services to and from Europe and America, and seriously delaying road and rail traffic.

From many parts of the country came reports of "visibility nil." At London and Northolt Airports, radar was used to combat the fog. Nineteen people were injured in road accidents in thick fog in the Midlands city of Leicester.

A few ships, which left dock outward bound from Glasgow had to berth again almost immediately. Many trawlers were fogbound in Northern ports. In the Straits of Dover by contrast there was bright sunshine. Eight British European Airways planes were delayed in take-off from Northolt Airport but no service was cancelled.—Reuter.

## Nationalists Out Of Hopei Capital

Poiping, November 23.

Authorities here disclosed today that Nationalist forces have abandoned Poiping, capital of Hopei province.

They said the Nationalists withdrew early on Monday and that all Government employees were evacuated with them.

The loss of Poiping, 90 miles South West of here, gives the Communists 13 out of 35 provincial capitals in China—the others being all nine in Manchuria, Tsinan in Shantung, Kaifeng in Honan and Changteh in Jehol province.

The Communists earlier on Monday broadcast that they had captured Poiping, which had been under siege for many months. They were silent about the Hsuechow sector.

Pro-Government Chinese despatches from the Hsuechow front to Nanking said the Nationalists retained the initiative, but independent sources gave an opposite view. Both were scanty of details.

The Nationalists claimed successes East of Peiping today.

## Pushed Back

General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters said the Nationalists pushed the Reds back East of Peiping and gained control of Sanho and Hsiangho. They refused to say whether this meant the two towns had been retaken.

Sanho is 40 miles East North East of Peiping and Hsiangho 33 miles East South East.

In Peiping, authorities advanced the curfew one hour and it now extends from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m.

Arrivals from Shanhaiwan, South East of the Great Wall town and North China seaport of Chinwangtao, 15 miles South, said all non-essential civilians and officials have been cleared from both points.

## Shanyi Lost

They said more than 6,000 left for the South on Sunday on board three ships.

General Fu's headquarters claimed a success in Suiyuan but admitted a reverse in the adjoining province of Chahar. They said the Reds were completely cleared within a radius of 50 miles from Kweisai, capital of Suiyuan.

In Chahar, however, the Nationalists last night abandoned the town of Shanyi, 85 miles North West of Kalgan, capital of the province. The Nationalists withdrew after an attack by 4,000 Reds, 1,000 of whom were killed and wounded.—Associated Press.

## Call For Peace In Vietnam

Paris, November 22.

A group of well-known French people called today for peace negotiations between France and the Annamese Nationalist Government of Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

The appeal was signed among others by the painter, Henri Matisse, the philosopher Paul Garthe, the actor Jean Louis Barault, the playwright Jean Cocteau, the resistance writer Vercores, two former Ministers, Andre Philip and Yves Farge, and Andre Gillegis, the radio commentator, who was one of the French broadcasters from London during the war.

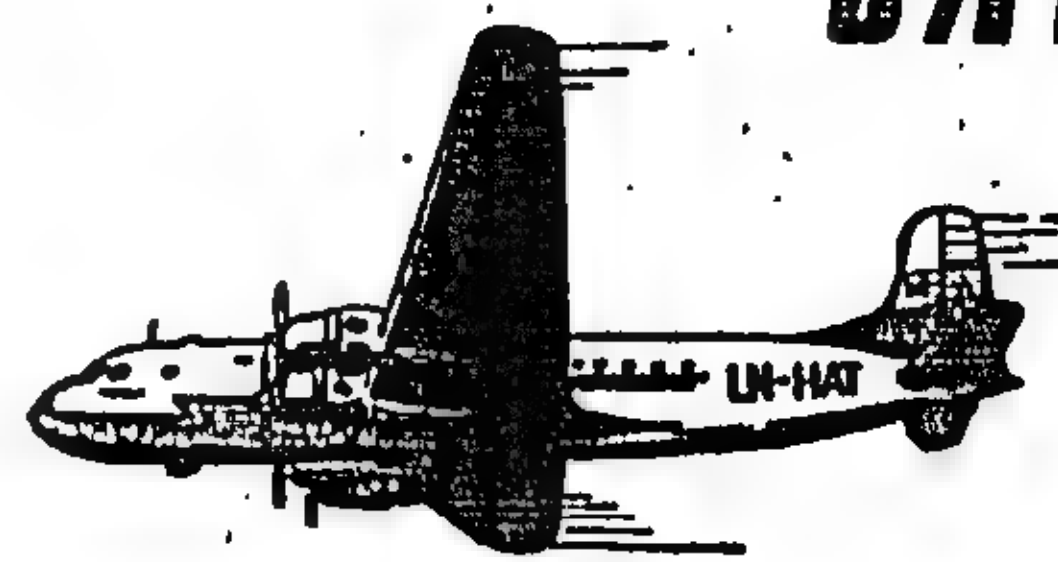
The appeal said Dr. Ho Chi Minh had far more popular support than either General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the Vietnam Provisional Government, supported by the French, or Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam.

A continuation of the war has only one meaning—refusal to enter into conversations with Ho's Government, it added. "Without political aim and in complete freedom we ask that proposals for a new and real peace negotiation be publicly made."—Reuter.

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The photograph was taken on Hing Han Road, just below the Fung Ping Shan Library, University of Hong Kong.

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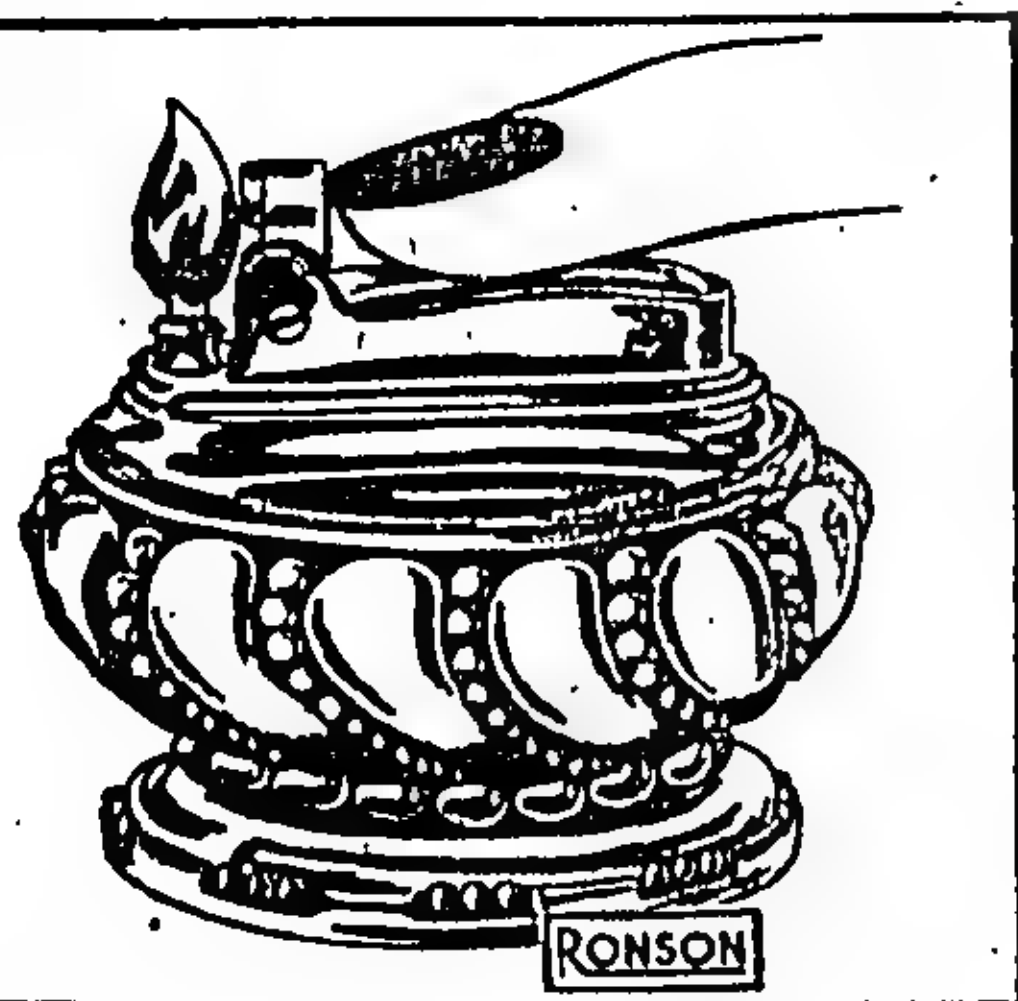
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## Woman Today

Model In Search Of  
A 17-Inch Waist

Gabrielle Young shows off THE WAIST — in a striped lino Moredith model influenced by Dior.

Christian ("New Look") Dior, the world's most front-paged fashion-maker, is fashion's toughest employer too. Few even of Paris's mannequins can measure up to exacting Dior standards. He combs Europe to find girls who do.

Some Dior specifications: no corsets or brassieres to be worn — but the waist of his wide-skirted dresses is 17in. and if a mannequin is too big for them she's just squeezed in, even if she faints.

Gabrielle Young, 30-year-old, auburn-haired London model (sketched here by Phipps), who worked for Dior last season in Paris and is still under contract to him, is wondering whether she can make the grade again next January without making herself ill.

Her waist is 21in. (slim for her 5ft. 10in. figure), but this autumn two expert fitters were needed to get her into Dior's dresses.

She's therefore searching London for a substitute, but so far no candidate tall enough, with a waist of less than 23in., has shown up.

Mayfair hairdresser Raymond, a man fond of a good night's sleep, believes the most comfortable mattress is one filled with human hair.

He's in good position to find out. Every day more than 100 women have their hair clipped in the new short style at Raymond's salon, and every day an assistant sorts out the clippings for suitable locks.

To meet the Raymond test specimens must be short, curly, and springy.

Joya Begg.



## DENTAL FIFTH COLUMN

By GEORGE L. WOLCOTT,  
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Those sweets and starches which are such an important and tasty part of your diet also can be a deadly Fifth Column to your teeth when they are permitted to loiter where they don't belong — on the surfaces of or in the spaces between your teeth.

The sweets and starches, you see, get together, under the protective cover of your neglect, with a band of ruffians called bacteria and together they produce an acid sufficiently powerful to destroy part of the tough coat of enamel which guards your teeth. Not many such assaults are needed to sabotage a priceless, healthy tooth, with the appearance of that all-too-familiar cavity which causes pain, unnecessary expense and perhaps impairment of your general health.

Technically classified as "refined carbohydrates", the sweets and starches include cakes, pies, pastry, cooked cereals, white bread, preserved fruit, flavoured drinks, ice cream, creamed foods and candies.

Don't underestimate the power of these dental saboteurs. Within a few minutes after you eat sweets and starches, bacteria in the mouth may be transforming part of these dietary delights into acid sufficiently powerful to dissolve tooth enamel. Such acid is formed for the most part within 20 to 30 minutes after eating. A simple solution of the problem would be the elimination of sweets and starches from your diet, and as a matter of fact such a procedure has been suggested by a few dental authorities. It's not necessary to remove these tasty delights, and frankly these refined carbohydrates are important elements in the diet. Particularly in providing the quick energy we so often need.

Discretion in the consumption of sweets and starches and more careful attention to oral hygiene, are of paramount importance.

It must be obvious that our usual habit of brushing teeth upon arising and before retiring is not enough! It's true, of course, that these are the two

most important times for brushing teeth, inasmuch as the normal protective mechanism (against tooth decay) also takes a rest during our sleeping hours.

## Careful Attention

Nevertheless, we must devote more and careful attention to the care of our teeth during working hours, especially after meals. Remember that enamel-destroying acid is formed mainly within 20 to 30 minutes after eating.

First, don't eat sweets and starches between meals. Second, eat refined carbohydrates early in the meal — never at the end. At breakfast, eat the citrus fruit last, at lunch, the salad, and at dinner a fruit dessert. These are all detergent-type foods which during mastication help clean the surfaces of the teeth.

Finally, change your tooth-brushing habits and make every effort to practise oral hygiene immediately whenever you eat sweets and starches, whether they're part of a meal or a between-meal snack.

If occasionally it's absolutely impossible or impractical to brush your teeth following eating, then at least be sure to thoroughly rinse your mouth with water or other unsweetened liquid.

## Recipes

Two tablespoons shortening, two tablespoons flour, one cup milk, two eggs, one tin sweet corn, or 1½ cups cooked corn, ½ cup grated cheese, salt and pepper.

Melt the shortening. Blend in the flour. Add the milk and cook, stirring constantly until thick. Separate the whites from the yolks of eggs. Add the egg yolks to the sauce with the corn, cheese,

## Are You Lovable?

1. Do you believe that once you've been introduced to a person it's up to him to make the first move towards friendship? Yes...No...

2. There are many things to be said for living alone — it's quiet, it's peaceful, you can do exactly what you want. Do you think you'd like it? Yes...No...

3. In an argument, many people stick to their own opinions through thick and thin. Do you give in occasionally to keep the peace? Yes...No...

4. Some people have the philosophy that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me," and consequently they aren't hurt very easily. Is this your philosophy, too? Yes...No...

5. Do you think it's worth making a special effort to be friendly with someone who doesn't care particularly for you? Yes...No...

6. Are you the type who can have a good romp with children, and like it? Yes...No...

7. Some people say friends are a nuisance when they want to read a good book, undisturbed. Do you think so? Yes...No...

8. When any of your friends come to you with their worries, can you listen sympathetically and send them off feeling better? Yes...No...

9. Many of us are full of enthusiasm for life; others just moulder along, feeling bored about everything. Are you the enthusiastic type? Yes...No...

10. Could your younger brother persuade you to watch his school play, though it meant cancelling an appointment you'd been counting on for weeks? Yes...No...

11. Dogs shed their hair periodically, cats scratch unmercifully, canaries make a lot of noise. But some people keep all three at once? Could you? Yes...No...

12. When somebody does his job well, he's simply doing what's expected of him. So is there any need for praise? Yes...No...

13. Do you think it's necessary to look bright and shiny all the time — even for the people who like you for just being you? Yes...No...

14. Being frank is usually a good thing. If you are that way, is there any need to change simply to spare someone's feelings? Yes...No...

15. Some people will always be convinced that most people are fundamentally good, even if they're not completely perfect. Do you agree? Yes...No...

Here are the correct answers to the questions —

1. No. 2. No. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Yes. 10. Yes. 11. Yes. 12. Yes. 13. Yes. 14. Yes. 15. Yes.

Now count the number of correct answers, and check up on your lovability score: 14-15: You are probably as likeable as can be, but perhaps you let yourself get pushed around a little by other people. Just as too much of anything can be overwhelming, there's such a

## Pot And Pan Care

Kettles. If they are made of tin, polish with metal polish. If aluminium, polish with powdered whiting. To "defat," boil up with one dessertspoon of vinegar to one pint of water. Rinse very thoroughly.

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thing as being too lovable. Perhaps you should be just a trifle tougher.

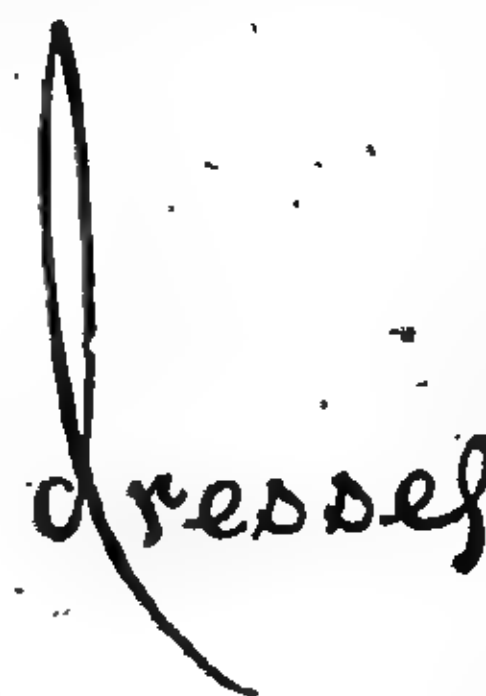
12-14: You'd be pretty nice to have around — you're lovable to just the right degree. Good luck to you.

10-12: Most people would agree you're lovable — and they're right. But maybe you're just a little casual about it.

7-10: You are and you aren't. It just depends on the way you feel.

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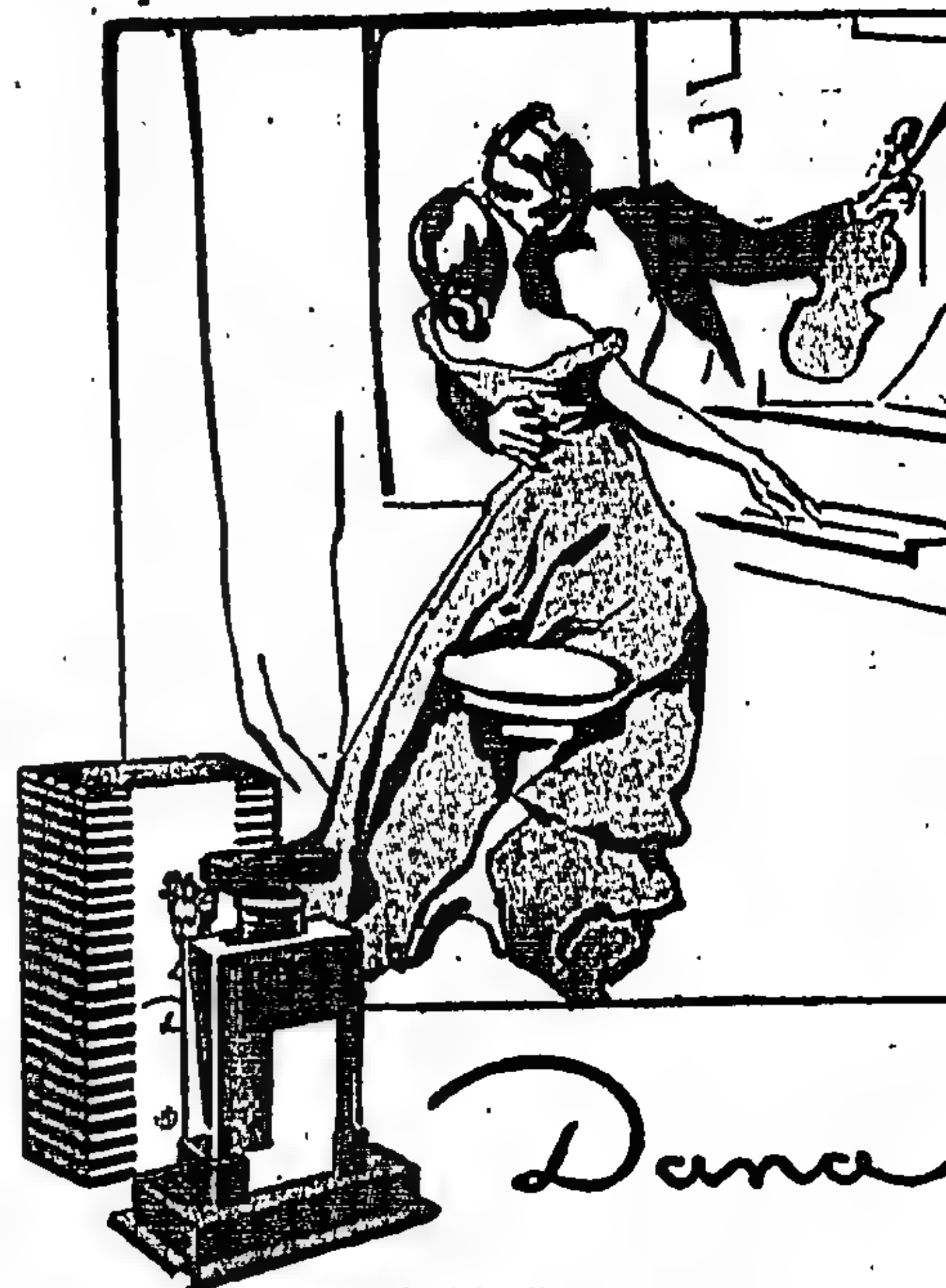


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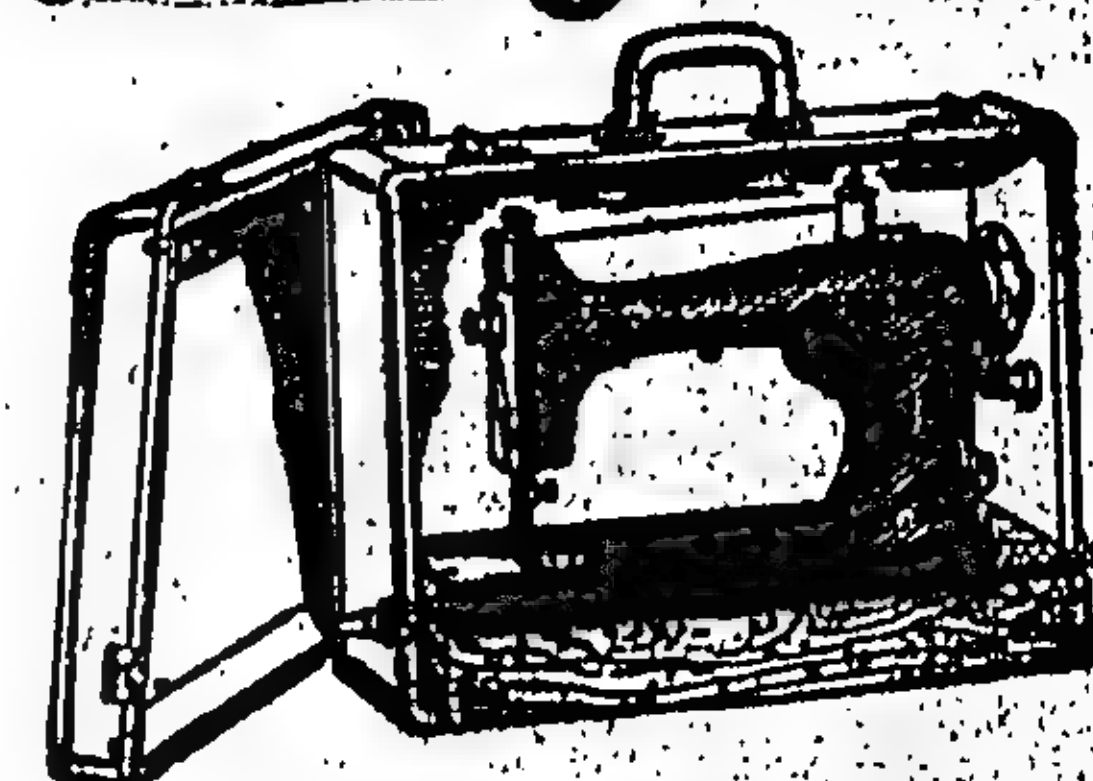
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# FRANCE CHALLENGES ALLIED POLICY ON RUHR INDUSTRY

Paris, November 23.

France has formally challenged the Anglo-American decision to turn key Ruhr industries back to German ownership.

The French News Agency said that this challenge was contained in a memorandum from the Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman.

The memorandum was addressed to the U.S. Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, and Hector McNeill, British Minister of State.

The French protest, the agency added, was based on the fact that the British and American Governments are not competent to take a decision of that kind without France's consent.

The memorandum said that France was gravely disturbed by the evolution of Anglo-American policy towards Germany since the London accord on Western Germany of June, 1948.

France reported that what upsets her most in the November 10 decision about the Ruhr is the statement that final ownership of steel and coal industries would be left to the discretion of an eventual German government.

## London Talks

The note, the agency said, recalled that France opposed the Anglo-American decision when it was proposed during a meeting of experts at Berlin in August.

The note also expressed the hope that the Anglo-Americans would agree that the November 10 decision is only provisional and subject to change by the interested powers whenever a formal peace arrangement is made with Germany.

A second part of the memorandum expressed the desire that the present talks in London on Germany would reach a solution conforming to the propositions submitted by the French delegation.

The third part raised the question of difficulties encountered in the dismantling

of factories listed for reparations and asked for tri-partite re-examination of the whole question.

## French Desires

The note repeated French desires for internationalisation of the Ruhr and said that the Anglo-American decision gave to the Germans rights they never had and risks giving (Germany) a power that could lead to the most dangerous developments.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman stated earlier that the French position on the following points:

1. Ownership of the Ruhr coal mines and steel industry.
2. International control of the Ruhr.
3. Technical questions of security, liaison and industrial dismantling.—Associated Press and Reuter.

# Artillery God Of War, Says Soviet

Moscow, November 23.

It was Artillery Day in Russia and Soviet newspapers, in editorials, hailed artillery as the God of War. At the same time, they criticised the United Nations Assembly for turning down Russian disarmament proposals.

Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin, Minister of the Armed Forces, issued a special order of the day declaring that the Russian people mark the successes of artillerymen and the workers in the artillery industry in strengthening the fighting power of the armed forces of our homeland.

"Artillery occupies an honourable and responsible position in the Soviet armed forces as the chief shock force of the Soviet army," said Pravda, the Communist party organ.

Simultaneously, Pravda declared the rejection of the armament proposal by the United Nations Assembly was "visible proof of the aggressiveness of the policy of the Anglo-American bloc."

A Soviet proposal that the big five cut their armaments by a third within a year and that the atom bomb be outlawed was rejected by the UN by 39 to 6.

## "Visible Proof"

"In voting down these proposals, the delegations of the United States, Great Britain and the majority obedient to them gave by this token visible proof of the aggressiveness of the policy of the United States in continuing the armaments race," said Pravda.

Other papers said there was disobedience on the part of many delegations in the Anglo-American majority. They claimed that many, despite the heaviest American pressure, voted with their legs—that is by leaving the hall. (In the final vote on the Russian resolution, six delegations abstained and seven others were absent, or present and not voting. By a vote of 43 to 6, the Assem-

## Girl's Suicide In Prison

Rome, November 22.

Italian newspapers today demanded an investigation of the suicide of a 22-year-old servant girl, Demona Palombi, who set fire to her clothes and killed herself in a police cell where she was held because her employer suspected her of the theft of a diamond ring worth about £110.

Newspapers asked why the girl was held when the ring was not found in her possession, why she was implicated in its disappearance when no evidence was produced and why the Rome police kept the affair secret for 48 hours.

The girl suffered for 48 hours from the burns before dying.—Reuter.

## DP's TO FLY

Heidelberg, November 23.

More than 2,000 Israel-bound Jewish displaced persons will fly from Germany to Haifa in the next six weeks, U.S. Army Headquarters announced.

They will make the trip in 50 commercial flights from Munich. Previously there have been only seven to ten such flights each month.—Associated Press.

# Churchill Invasion Plans Were Right

New York, November 23.

The Allies should have followed Mr. Churchill's plan for the invasion of Europe through the Balkans instead of Normandy.

Had they done so, Russia's cold war gains might have been frustrated, says the Daily News in a review of General Eisenhower's Crusade in Europe.

Admitting that the Balkan invasion might have cost more lives and made the war last longer, the News said that if it had been carried out, it seems more than doubtful that Prime Minister Josef Stalin would control Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary and be bleeding us in Greece by persistent threats to Communise that country.

"The Russian occupation zone in Germany, if there were one, would probably end a goodish way East of Berlin instead of 100 miles West. In that case there would be no nerve wrecking Berlin blockade crisis today."

The News concluded: "The answer to the question: what caused the cold war, would seem to be:

"Well, whoever or whatever was guilty, it was not Mr. Winston Churchill."

## Iko's Sincerity

In London, Eisenhower's memoirs, attacked by one newspaper as a blow to Anglo-American friendship, were defended by the Manchester Guardian as "honest, and sincere".

The Manchester Guardian said: "There will no doubt be controversy about many things in the book, as there must be about anything that looks at the war from another side and does not take British statesmen and soldiers at their own valuation."

"But even the greatest partitions of Mr. Churchill and Viscount Montgomery must grant Eisenhower's fair mindedness and equitable temper"—Associated Press.

# U.S. Critics Of British Ship Strike

Washington, November 23.

A Washington Post editorial said today: "Striking crewmen of the Queen Elizabeth made themselves active supporters of an American strike that is depriving millions of their fellow countrymen and other Europeans of goods they desperately need."

"Labour solidarity on an international basis is a fine thing when it implies united striving to gain for workers a higher standard of living by legitimate means. But when principles of solidarity are stretched to the extent of supporting the efforts of an alien union to extort concessions from employers by using weapons of coercion that inflict hardship on millions of people and thwart the efforts of the United States Government to secure needy nations, Labour unity becomes a world menace instead of an elevating influence."—Associated Press.

# Girl's Strangler Still At Large

London, November 22.

After a three-months' adjournment, the inquest on Joan Woodhouse, aged 27, who was found dead in Arundel Castle Park on August 10, was concluded today.

The jury returned a verdict that she was murdered by some person or persons unknown.

Miss Woodhouse, who was a member of the staff of the National Central Library, Bloomsbury, had been missing since July 31 from the YWCA hostel at Lee Green, South East London, where she had been living.

Since the inquest was opened, a continuous investigation into the circumstances of her death has been carried out by the police. The coroner today said nothing definite had been obtained as a consequence of the investigation, but the "case is still alive and inquiries are continuing."

Miss Woodhouse apparently went to Worthing and then to Arundel. There was evidence to show that she had been in Arundel before. Thomas Stillwell, who found her body in Arundel Park on August 10, said

that he was taking a short cut through the Park when he saw a heap of clothing and afterwards saw the body.

The cause of death was certified by an Arundel doctor to have been strangulation.

Many persons were interrogated in connection with the case, and the police stated that they were satisfied that Miss Woodhouse was murdered by a man who was a complete stranger to her.

"Up to the present we are unable to produce sufficient evidence to justify the institution of criminal proceedings," the police stated.

Miss Woodhouse was believed to have succeeded in escaping from her assailant and had run down the hill to a place where her body was found or she had been carried down to the spot because it was a less prominent place.—Reuter.

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# Pakistan Delayed Its Report

Paris, November 23.

The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan said today that Pakistan had taken two months to notify the commission that her troops had entered Kashmir.

In a report to the Security Council, the commission indicated without saying directly that Pakistan's failure to tell the council earlier of this material change in the situation represented non-compliance with an agreement with the Council. The report said Pakistan had agreed to tell the Council immediately of any such changes.

The Moslem Dominion told the commission her troops were in the states of Jammu and Kashmir last July 8, two months after they had crossed the border, the report said.

The report quoted Sir Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, as saying his Government had decided to wait for arrival of the commission to pass on the new information. According to him, the report added, Pakistan troops entered Kashmir early in May.

"Records of the Security Council show the commission was provided for but not fully constituted at that time," the report said. "The commission had its first meeting in Geneva on July 15 but was informed of the presence of Pakistan troops in the State of Jammu and Kashmir only on July 8."—Associated Press.

## BRIBE SCANDAL

# When Mr. Belcher Was Indignant

London, November 22.

The judicial Tribunal inquiring into accusations of corruption among Ministers and Government officials heard today evidence of the attitude of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Mr. John Belcher.

The football pool promoters, Harry and Abe Sherman, had been in communication with the agent, Sidney Stanley, to arrange an increase in their paper allocation. They were "very perturbed" to hear from Stanley that he had used money to bribe Mr. Belcher.

At a meeting in the Savoy Hotel in London, they told Mr. Belcher what Stanley had said. A witness, Mr. David Rufus Williams, who was present at the interview, told the Tribunal that Mr. Belcher protested strongly at the accusation. Mr. Belcher asked indignantly: "Do you suppose Ministers of His Majesty's Government do this sort of thing—take money from people?"

## "A Rotter"

Mr. Williams, Assistant Secretary of the Empire Parliamentary Association, said that as they left the hotel, Mr. Belcher said of Stanley: "What a rotter he must be and how foolish the Shermans had been to trust him."

Mr. Belcher added that in public life one must be careful about one's associates. Stanley had been introduced

to him by someone "high up" in the Labour Party and he had accepted his acquaintance. Mr. Williams agreed that he had been convicted in 1938 for fraudulently converting money entrusted to him. Mr. Williams said after he had been approached by the Sherman brothers with the story that money they had given Stanley had been misused by him to bribe Mr. Belcher, someone had phoned him.

## "Keep Off"

The unknown person said: "If you are interested in the Sherman business, keep off of it. Keep off the grass."

Mr. Williams said he told Mr. John Belcher about the phone call. Mr. Belcher said: "Do not worry about it. I will deal with it. I think I know who it is."

Asked who it was, Mr. Belcher would not say any more. He had been surprised that Mr. Belcher had said he knew who the caller was.

Mr. Williams said that after he spoke to Mr. Belcher, there were no more telephone calls and he thought possibly Mr. Belcher must have done something. The Tribunal adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.



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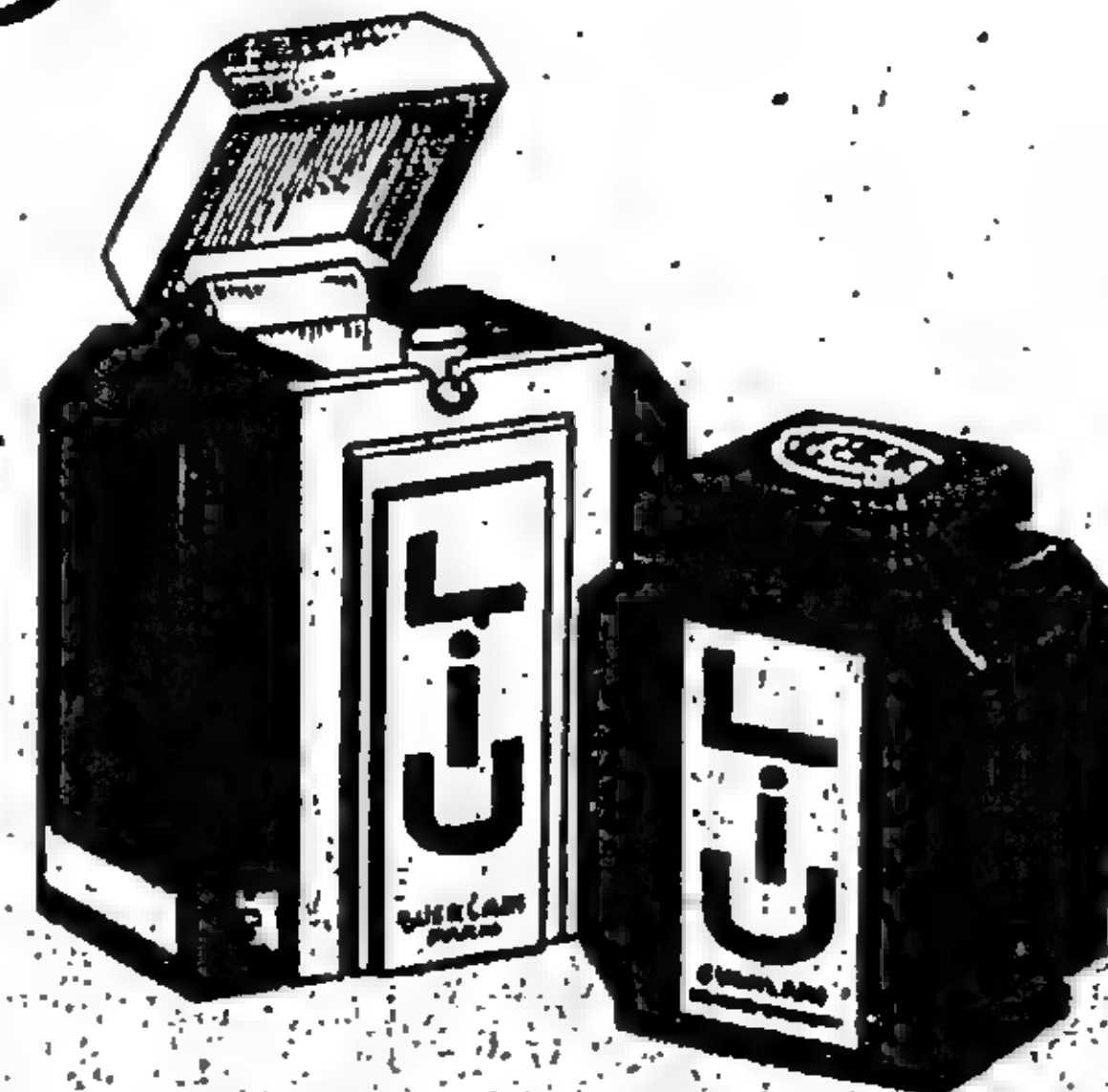
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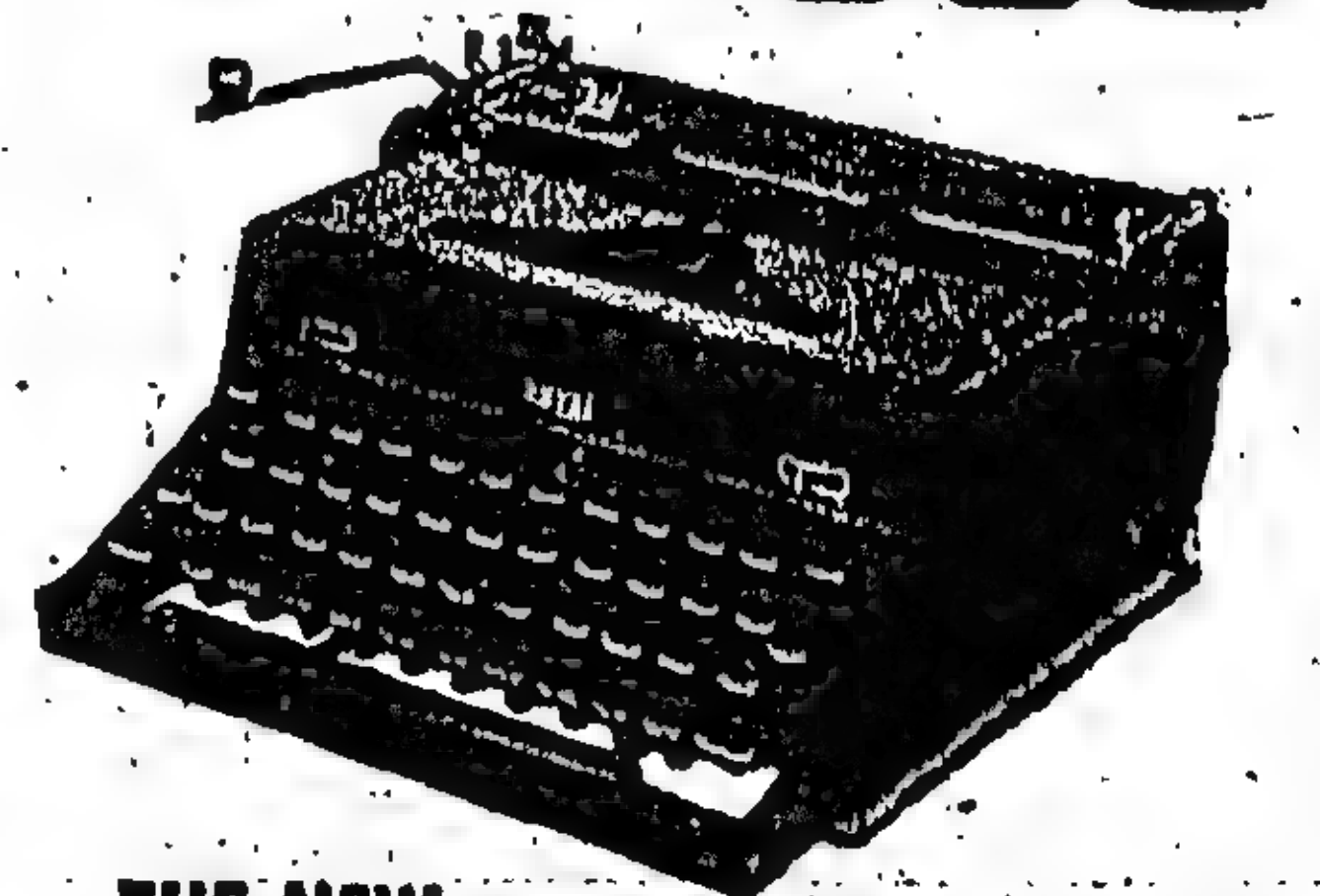
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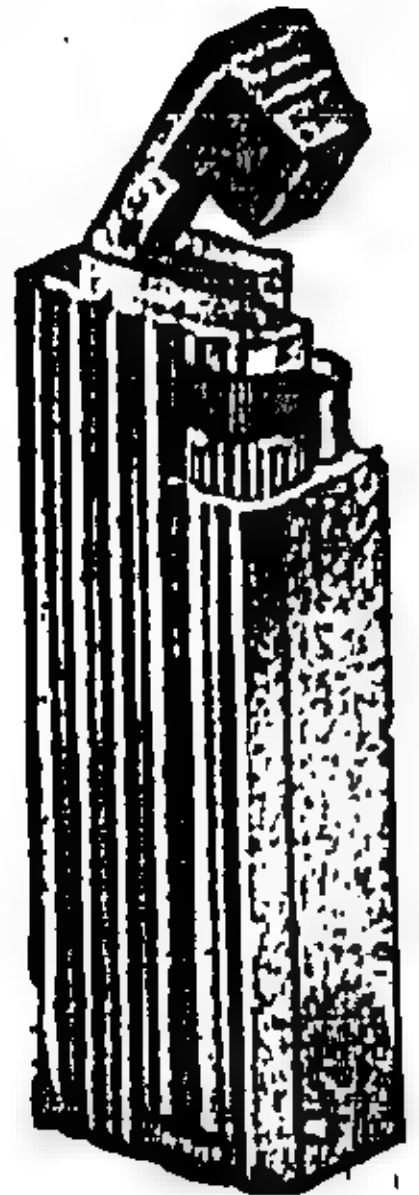
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# TEEN AGE TOPICS

## Editorial

### A Teen Ago Club

Since the first issue of the Topics, there have been many requests—almost demands—that a club for teen agers be formed in Hong Kong.

Few will disagree that the idea is good, and one from which Hong Kong's youth can greatly benefit. But many will also realize that the means towards this end requires much more than just idealistic thoughts to make it an actively functioning institution.

There is first of all the need for wholehearted co-operation of the Colony's teen agers, a problem that can be as difficult as procuring funds for the amenities which are essential to such an organization.

The Topics however, fully endorses this project. And we offer to assist with one of its main difficulties—that of enlisting the energy and enthusiasm of Hong Kong's youth towards this goal. This is what we propose:

Teen agers in Hong Kong should form a council. Everyone interested can meet and discuss the project of forming the proposed club. Members of the Council will be voted by the teen agers themselves at this gathering. Before election, teen agers will discuss and agree on the functions of the Council. Thereafter, the Council can proceed under its own steam.

That, roughly, is what the gathering will be about. But the main aim is to give existence to a Teen Ago Council—or any other suitable body—to form the nucleus, from which your organization can eventually evolve.

All interested parties regard this as an invitation to the first teen ager meeting. Send in your name and address to the Editor, Teen Age Topics, "The China Mail" to signify your desire to attend and you will be advised in due course, of the date and place.

Here then, is the first step you must not fail to take, to get to what you want.

## PERSONALITY

Arthur Low was born in Han-kow, China, on October 1, 1930, and lived in his birthplace until he was seven, attending primary school at St. Mary's.

In 1937 his family move to Hong Kong. Arriving here, Arthur enrolled in the Ying Wah College (London Mission School) where he continued his education until the war.

Two years after the fall of Hong Kong, the Low family began their trek into the interior of China, always keeping a step ahead of the invading Japanese.

For nine months Arthur was on the move. His family finally arrived at Kweilin. Once again the Japanese caught up with them and this time, the Low family took a big leap and landed in Calcutta, where Arthur entered St. James School.

Arthur stayed in India for the duration—a one and a half year period—and finally arrived back at his Hong Kong home, in the Christmas of 1946.

By this time Arthur was ready for his matriculation. And this he achieved last year at the Diocesan Boys' School. He is now reading Civil Engineering at the Hong Kong University.

Arthur's main cultural interest is water colour painting. He finds inspiration in the colouring of the Hong Kong sunset, also, in the quiet setting of the Kowloon Tong landscape that surrounds his home.

His reading is mainly fiction and his pet author, Enid Stanley Turner, the detective story teller. "I have done Scott and Dickens but only for their educational value," he said. Arthur appreciates light classical music, "but unfortunately, I could never find the time to learn any instruments."

"I take part in practically every local sport. But my ambition in the sporting field is to earn a place in the University's Cricket second XI." When asked what about the first XI, he answered, "let me get into the junior team first."

While at D.B.S. Arthur was



ARTHUR LOW

gymnast, sports captain, and also sports editor of the School Magazine.

Asked about his views upon the general affairs of society, Arthur said, "My interest in such matters is purely passive. I am listening to whatever discussions I hear in company. I usually prefer not to advance any opinion."

"The subject that is occupying my mind at the moment is a point brought up by many teen agers in your Topics—the desirability of the young people here to organize into an all-round inter-related body. The Topics of the 'China Mail' has given us a platform. It is up to us now, to build the stage and to give ourselves a voice in the local community."

## PEN FRIENDS

Gracia Tay is a student of Arts in the Raffles College of Singapore. Her interests: tennis, music and dancing.

Contact her o/o Raffles College, Singapore.

Magdalen Tsui is taking a course in teaching in the University of Hawaii. She may be reached through The University of Hawaii, Honolulu, T. H.

## TIT BITS

The Jaguars and Jaguarines, sister-brother softball teams, held a jolly party at the home of Nana and Fifi Ozorio, popular local teen agers.

The party was well attended, dancing and games providing entertainment for an afternoon and evening. Incidentally, Fifi was one of the pretty ballerinas of Azuleia Reynolds at the recent Shanghai Ball.

A number of readers have suggested that the Topics provide movie and movie star news. We would refer them to the weekly cinema feature in the "China Mail" and regarding the movie stars, to the Hong Kong Film and Theatre News which has a full page exclusively devoted to teen agers.

And talking about the Film News, they are running a "most popular movie star" contest. If you would like to see your favourite actor and actress win the ballot, put in your votes now. Particulars are given in the "China Mail" "Sunday Herald," as well as in the Film News magazine.

## CONTEST

Winners of last week's contest are: L.T. Chang, c/o The Central Trading Co. Ltd., Union Rd. (55); Charlotte Dragon, c/o Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Prince's Bldg. (83); and A. de Mello, 2 Hanoi Road, Kowloon, (82). The prizes will be in today's mail.

The puzzle for this week's mail.

1. MOLLAS—Snakes and wine
  2. FRANGCOANONICLASV—A St. Theresa bride
  3. SCUMAELESRME—Flight hostesses: beauties
  4. AEZAO NSLADYER—Twilight Solo
  5. AMWATGNRRATEOS—"The work of an Almoner"
- The answers to last week's: 1. Cedric the gilder, 2. Cecilia Shen, 3. Peter Gregory, 4. Mrs. C. Cassidy.

## Platter Chatter

### An Open Letter

My dear Retailer, I have often wondered whether you are tone deaf or merely that you just don't give a hoot what you offer on your counters.

If you have listened to the Radio Request programmes, you must know the strong local favour for Glenn Miller and Bing Crosby.

Glenn's death was a sad blow to music lovers everywhere and it was gratifying that a number of his best works have been re-issued and are being played by Radio Hong Kong.

I cannot blame you for not offering Volume 2 of Miller Masterpieces but do you know or don't you care that Volume 1 was put out in 1940?

Bing's singles are as elusive as Pimpernel, and you could have sold another hundred copies of Alexander's Ragtime Band, made with Al Jolson.

The Crosby Christmas Album is quite safe to carry, even if you get it in time for Easter. You need not cram your shelves with Duke Ellington platters but should not be afraid to give your clientele an opportunity to purchase those of his waxings which have won critical acclaim.

As one who had a difficult time getting out of London, I am personally appearing in London, let me assure you of his popularity.

I regret, my dear retailer, if what I say annoys you but you irritate me, so we are about even.

### Discography

Glenn Miller: Peg O' My Heart; Moonlight Bay; String of Pearls; Moonlight Cocktail; Kalamazoo; At Last; Miller Masterpieces Volume One: American Patrol; Song of the Volga Boatman; Tuxedo Junction; In the Mood; Little Brown Jug; Moonlight Serenade; Star Dust; Pennsylvania 6-5000. Duke Ellington: Swamp Fire; Just Squeeze Me; It's Monday Every Day; Air Conditioned Jungle; Jam-A-Dilly; Flippity Flurry (featuring Jimmy Hamilton, clarinet); The Golden Feather (Harry Carney, baritone sax); Sultry Sunset (Johnny Hodges, alto sax); Al-bums: Duke Ellington Plays the Blues (Victor) and Mood Ellington (Columbia).

### Dollars From Export

A Tree in the Meadow, the current top tune of the American Hit Parade, is an English export item. Prince Sena's Underneath the Arches has had a long run in the best-seller's lists.

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"I get the cute one... you get the old hag!"

## TEEN TALK

Denis Abington.

It took me some time to realise that the Teen Age Topics play an essential part in the life of this community. I for one, did not believe that you would pull through what was obviously public apathy towards your efforts of keeping the Topics going. It is evident that the majority of the youth in Hong Kong is dull, unresponsive and listless. Fortunately there is an element of more dynamic youngsters, and it is up to them to help you improve and expand the Topics.

I remember the times when I read your first few issues. The lack of support was obvious. Now, I can't think of anything that I look forward to more, every Wednesday, than the reading of the Teen Age Topics.

I feel that through the Topics, teen agers here have a far better chance of learning more about each other than through any other source. My congratulations to you on having accomplished the seemingly impossible—galvanising Hong Kong's very dormant youth into something resembling an active part of the community. You may be certain of my wholehearted support hence forward.

N. P.

I think your idea about a volunteer for your personality column is a very practical one. The ordinary teen ager just won't have the nerve of going to you and say that he or she has come to be written about.

The reason is mainly that most readers have not travelled to any place, or feel they really aren't so popular or important.

The best idea, I think, would be to pick your personality subject from your teen age mail.

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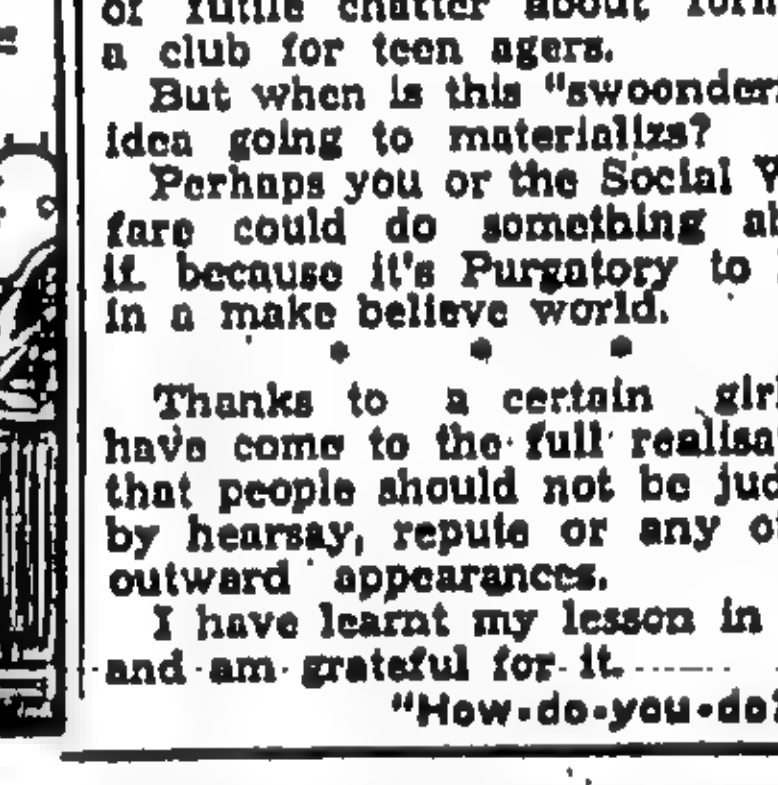
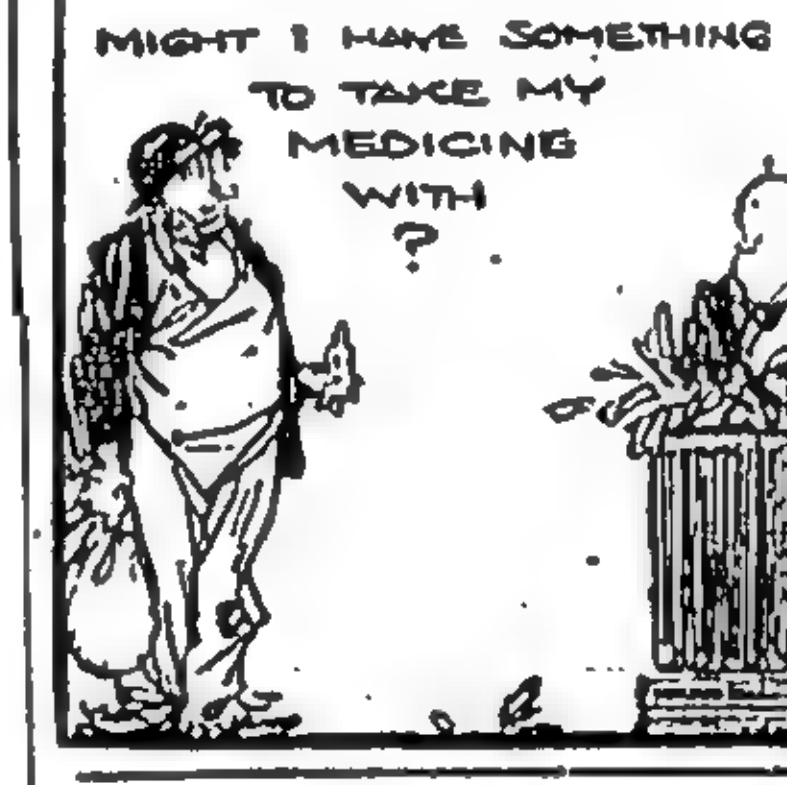
So far there has been plenty of futile chatter about forming a club for teen agers. But when is this "wonderful" idea going to materialise? Perhaps you or the Social Welfare could do something about it, because it's Purgatory to live in a make believe world.

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# Appeal By Vyshinsky On Political Honesty

## Canada To Get Ready

Ottawa, November 22. The Defence Minister, Brooke Claxton, today revealed that Canada's military officials have begun an inventory to determine the equipment and material which Canada's fighting forces would need for a year of war.

The inventory is preliminary to the stockpiling of needed war materials, to be carried out as soon as circumstances of raw materials, manpower and plant facilities permit.—United Press.

## Another Bread Cut In Ruhr?

Duesseldorf, (November 22. Bread rations in the Ruhr will have to be cut by two kilograms to nine kilograms a month from December 1 unless there is a sharp rise in delivery quotas from German farmers.

The acting British Regional Commissioner for North Rhine-Westphalia, General A.W.H. Bishop, said this here today.

General Bishop gave a serious warning against the spread of the black market which, he said, had been mainly responsible for the fact that flour deliveries by November 15 had been only 22 percent of 40 percent of the total.

Flour deliveries from Bavaria had so far been only 41,000 out of 300,000 tons and from Hesse only 18,000 out of 100,000 tons due, he said.

The Food Ministry of the State were now seeking to buy potatoes from Holland with dollars that could ill be spared, General Bishop added.

Eggs had gone "under the counter" since their price had been fixed at 30 pfennigs, the Commissioner said, and the "disappearance" of meat was now endangering the miners' special meat ration.

He said the Military Government was reluctant to intervene in the German price policy controversy but had recently written to the Frankfurt Bizonal Administration asking for stricter rationing of the basic foods. "People live in a food paradise about the food situation," he commented.—Reuter.

## Paris, November 22.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, told the United Nations minor Political Committee to-night to be honest politically.

If the conditions of membership are complied with by a State seeking admission to the United Nations, let us not discriminate against it whether we like it or not and whether we have diplomatic relations with it or not, he said.

Mr. Vyshinsky continued: "We have no diplomatic relations with some of the nations around this table, but we do not say that they should be kicked out of the United Nations. That would be ridiculous."

The ad hoc Committee was considering the application for membership of 12 nations—Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Eire, Finland, Hungary, Italy, the Mongolian People's Republic, Portugal, Rumania and Transjordan.

Mr. Vyshinsky, speaking for an hour and a half, argued that in admitting new members, the Security Council must always be decided by legal considerations. But this did not exclude political considerations. Legal considerations would always be guided by politics.

Defending the rights to membership of Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Mongolian People's Republic, Mr. Vyshinsky asked: "Is there any one of these states which does not comply with the conditions of membership?"

"Favouritism"  
He recalled the conditions—that a State must be peace-loving and able and willing to carry out its obligations under the Charter.

"Why is it possible to admit Italy and Finland to whom we have no objection when you exclude the other States?"

He asked: "Is it for political considerations? Because somebody does not like these States? All this suggests favouritism and discrimination—both contrary to the Charter."

Colonel William R. Hodgson, the Australian representative, proposed earlier today that no member should make the admission of a State to the United Nations conditional on the admission of any other.

He was speaking on the applications for admission by Eire, Transjordan, Portugal, Finland and Italy, all of which were vetoed by Russia in the Security Council.

All Or None  
Their claims were considered by the Security Council at the same time as those of Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Albania.

## Witness And Lawyer To Fight Duel

Paris, November 22. Maitre Rens Floriot, the lawyer in the current Paris trial of the "Capoullards, the Hooded Men," a pro-war French Fascist organisation, was today challenged by one of the witnesses, General Chauvin, to a sabre duel.

Maitre Floriot, who is appearing for the family of a policeman killed in a Paris bomb incident in September, 1947, alleged to have been caused by the Capoullards, was stated to have declared that the General's evidence regarding the incident was lies.

General Chauvin asked Maitre Floriot to withdraw the allegations and apologise, or to settle the dispute by a sabre duel. Maitre Floriot has selected two seconds who are reported to be meeting the seconds of the General to-morrow.—Reuter.

## NEW TURN TO GREEK CRISIS

Athens, November 22. Greece's political troubles took a new turn tonight when the Social Democratic Party leader, George Papandrou, announced that the opposition refused to recognise the new coalition cabinet and had asked King Paul to seek its resignation immediately.

Papandrou announced this after a conference with all the parliamentary opposition leaders.

Papandrou declared: "We are not going to have recourse to violence to overthrow the cabinet." He alleged that yesterday's vote in the Chamber did not give the Sophoulis Government, which had secured a majority of one, legal and constitutional authority to rule the country.—Reuter.

## LONDON WOMAN TO REPAY A DEBT

New York, November 23.

Mrs. George Hall of Wombly, England, arrived in the liner Washington today to repay the family which cared for her two children in wartime.

She will care for Mrs. A. Whitman Crittenden, of Rochester, N.Y., who took charge of her son during the war. Mrs. Crittenden suffered a stroke last summer.

Another Hall child stayed with Mrs. Charles Ainsworth, also of Rochester, N.Y.

"I would like to do something in return for what they have done for my children," said Mrs. Hall. The Crittenden children came to London in 1940, now a Royal Air Force flyer, lived with the Crittendens and Sheila, 18, stayed with the Ainsworths. Sheila and another daughter, Mooren, 11, accompanied their mother to the United States.

Mrs. Hall said she wanted to pay the debt. She added: "Besides I was tired of conditions in England. I think America holds a better future for my children."

She said her husband, a research mechanic for General Electric in England, plans to come over with Lionel when the latter leaves the R.A.F.

The Crittenden children came to the United States in 1940 with 150-bombed-out children of employees of Eastman Kodak in England and remained until 1945.—Associated Press.

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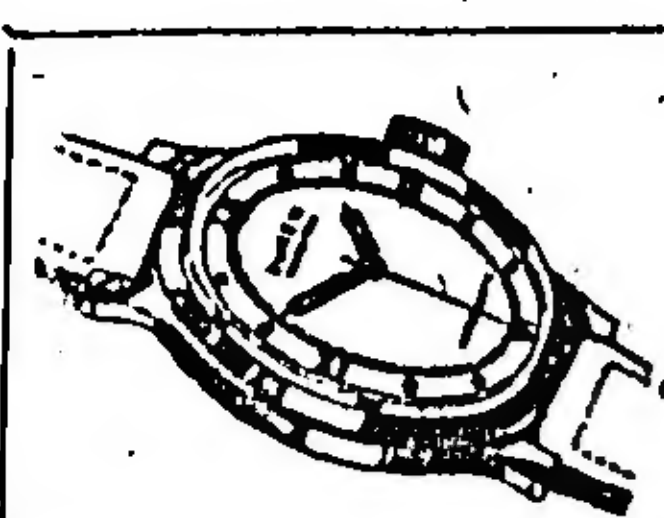






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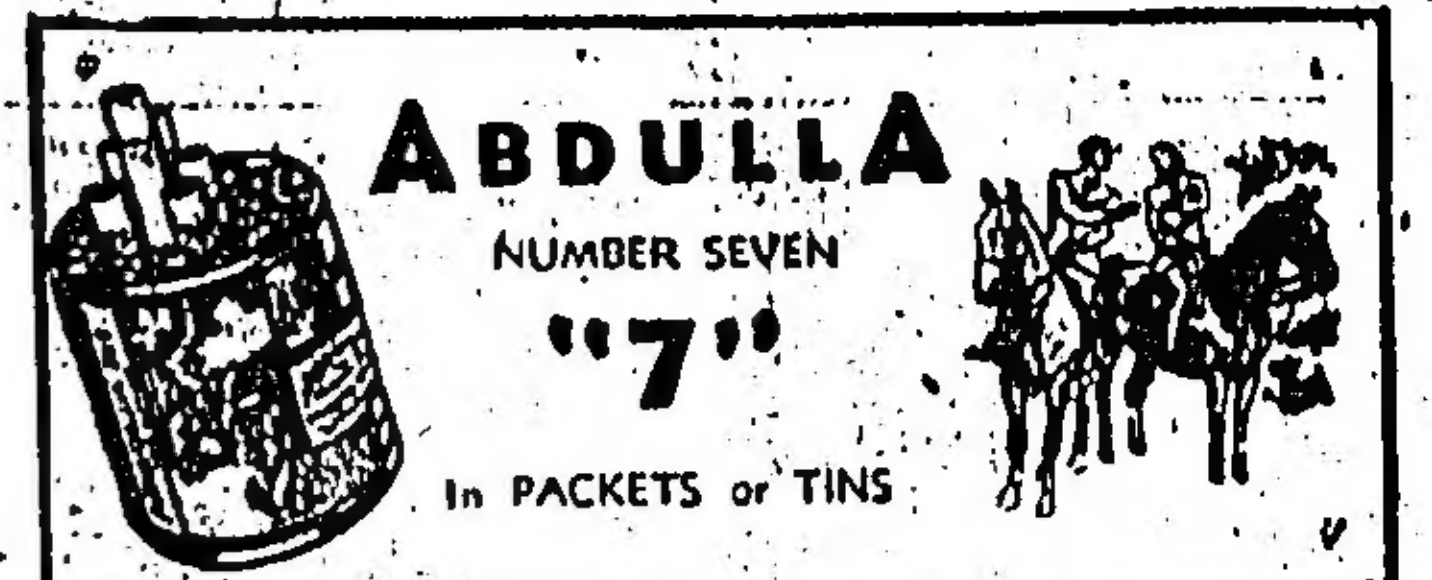


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## CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1948.

Brilliant Hong Kong  
Win Over MalaysiansCup Match To  
Be Replayed

York, November 22.  
A Football Association Commission meeting here today upheld the Bishop Auckland Club's protest against the result of their fourth qualifying round of the Football Association Cup Tie against Scarborough on the ground that Scarborough fielded two ineligible players.

The tie was ordered to be replayed at Bishop Auckland on Saturday. This means that the first round proper match will not be played on Saturday—Reuter.

MCC Win  
Race With  
The Clock

Pleasanton, November 22.  
The MCC touring team won their fifth successive match by defeating Orange Free State and Basutoh by nine wickets today, with half an hour to spare.

Scoring a second innings total of 109 to avoid an innings defeat, Free State were all out for 238 after losing 87 for six.

The MCC scored the necessary 41 runs for the loss of one wicket.

The Orange Free State batsmen offered stern resistance. J. Newton (48) and G. Jackson (49) added 78 runs for the seventh wicket, after which Jackson and Lindsay Tuckett (47) put on 60 for the eighth wicket.

Newton batted for 136 minutes and Jackson's patient effort occupied 165 minutes.

Roland Jenkins, the Worcestershire leg-break bowler, with well-controlled flight, length and spin, took seven wickets for 94, making his match analysis 12 wickets for 170 runs—Reuter.

(By "MID ON")  
Accurate bowling by Howarth and, to a lesser degree, Gambrell, coupled with a brilliant not out century by L. F. Stokes, gave Hong Kong victory by 236 runs over Combined Services of Malaya at Hong Kong Cricket Club on Sunday.

Malaya were sent out to field on Saturday when Alec Pearce, Colony captain won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket which looked, if anything, to be on the batsman's side.

Stokes and Kilbee opened the innings for Hong Kong but after the former had made 12, and appeared set for another of the big scores he had been making of recent weeks, he was run out.

This reverse affected the following batsmen somewhat and Hong Kong were not in too good a position until Eddie Gosano, going in at the fall of the fourth wicket, settled down to play enterprising cricket immediately on reaching the wicket, and put together an excellent 63 before he was bowled by a beauty from Syrett.

Gosano scored all round the wicket, some of his shots to leg being particularly fine. At this stage Syrett, going on first change, sent down some very good stuff and the batsmen, apart from Gosano, found him difficult to get away. His final analysis of 11.1—39—6 out of a total of 173, speaks for the way he was bowling.

Gambrell and Eddie Gosano opened the attack for Hong Kong when Malaya were faced with a 178 first innings score, and with the former finding a spot with almost his first delivery, the batsmen found run-getting quite a problem.

Hong Kong's fielding was excellent and with Howarth pegging away at the opposite end to Gambrell (and keeping a fine length throughout), Malaya's innings soon came to an end, the total being only 74 of which 15 were from extras—Major Greenwood being top scorer with 10.

Stokes Again  
Hong Kong commenced their second knock with Stokes and Kilbee again. This time the batsmen played themselves in completely and then runs came freely so that when stumps were drawn the total was 48, with all wickets intact, Stokes 27 not out and Kilbee 21 not out.

The wicket on Sunday morning appeared to have the worst for way and Stokes and Kilbee got on to the job of run-getting in earnest. When he was only two

runs away from a century, Stokes was bowled by a beauty from Syrett.

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Birmingham City goalkeeper Gilbert Merrick, nearest camera, runs out to gather the ball from a melee in which Alec Forbes, Arsenal inside-left (lying on back), and Duckhouse, Birmingham centre-half (right) roll together on the ground—an incident from the Football League Division I match at Highbury Stadium. Arsenal beat their visitors by 2 goals to 0. (AP Photo).

Amateur Soccer Players Want  
Blessing Of FA

London, November 23.

Throughout Britain every Sunday, more than 100,000 sportsmen play soccer in well-organised amateur leagues—but without the official Football Association recognition they have been seeking for many years.

Most Sunday sportsmen regard the rule which prevents their affiliation to the Football Association as archaic and one which should be reconsidered immediately.

Now comes the news that he has entered a London hospital for the removal of a cartilage in the knee he injured during the international match against Wales at Villa Park last week. He is not expected to play again for five or six weeks.

England and Arsenal will miss him, for Scott is one of the fastest backs in the game, with remarkable powers of recovery which compensate for his small size. He tactics like a terrorist and is able to save himself a lot of unnecessary running about by thoughtful positional play—Reuter.

Almost every large factory, office and club has its Sunday football team and the demand for football pitches for use on Sundays greatly exceeds the supply.

Record Attendance  
The hurly-burly and fierce competition of modern Football League soccer is so intense that few players manage to go through a whole season without missing a match, yet there is one player who has played 227 consecutive matches for his club.

He is Ray Middleton, Chesterfield's goalkeeper, who has enjoyed a longer sequence without missing a match than any other footballer. Altogether, Middleton has played over 500 times for Chesterfield.

Another player well on his heels is Sam Bartram, the red-headed goalkeeper of Charlton, who has not been absent from any peace-time League games fulfilled by his club for 11 years, since he gained his first ten place in a Third Division match against Watford in December 1934. Bartram has missed only three matches through injury and has played 206 successive games for Charlton.

These players' immunity from injury is the more remarkable in view of their style, for they are two of the most daring and spectacular goalkeepers in the country.

Not So Lucky  
On the other side of the ledger is the case of Bobby Barker, who broke his collar bone when playing for West Bromwich reserves and last April he was one of the footballers struck by lightning during the Army Cup final at Aldershot. When two players were killed.

Recently he gained his place in West Bromwich's league side, but this was short-lived for in the match against Cardiff he broke his leg in the first half and will be out of the game once again for a considerable time.

Fate in the manner of illness and injury has been unkind this season to Laurie Scott, the Arsenal and England right back. During the summer, while he was in Norway, Scott underwent an operation for appendicitis and missed the first month's League programme on his return to England.

Boxing Date  
Postponed

The Harris Shield Boxing Competition which was to have taken place at the Murray Barracks Arena on November 22 and November 23, had been put back and will now take place on November 25 and November 26.

St. George's  
Golf Win

The annual match between the Golfing members of the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies at Fanning on Sunday last, resulted in a win for St. George's Society by three points, the score being St. George's 34 and St. Andrew's 31.

Full details are given below. Next Sunday, the first rounds of the Club Championship for the 10 who qualified and a Bogey Pool for the rest, will be played. Starting times for the Championship competitors will be published in order to help members who have no transport, those who have spots in their cars on Sunday are kindly requested to inform the Secretary. Those requiring lifts are also requested to communicate with the Secretary. It is hoped that by this method, those who are without cars will benefit.

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N.A. Brown v R.K. Collins... 1  
K.B. Robertson v E. Bathurst... 1  
J. Anckle v E.J.R. Mitchell... 1  
H.L. Cleland v W.G. Davies... 1  
S.S. Gordon v L. Goldman... 1  
A. McKellar v J.L.C. Pearce... 1  
G. Stewart v W.H. Lyall... 1  
R.D. Robertson v G. Gaubert... 1  
R.S. Barry v A. Sommerfeld... 1  
D.L. Probst v H.H. Mundy... 1  
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J. Forster v A. Mabb... 1  
J.L. MacIntyre v J.M. Pattinson... 1  
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T.D. Drysdale v K.F. Streetfield... 1

FOUR DALLS  
Kinchin Robb v Carter Davies... 1  
Hunter Brown v Lissman Hadland... 1  
Forster v Bathurst... 1  
MacKellar v Mitchell Davies... 1  
Gordon McKellar v Goldman Pearce... 1  
Stewart Robertson v Lyall... 1  
Gaubert... 1  
Barry v Sommerfeld... 1  
Low Thompson v Smalley Linaker... 1  
Bello v Hunter... 1  
Stirling Adamson v Harrison Madden... 1  
MacIntyre v Pattinson Groves... 1  
Leiber v Frederick... 1  
Keown Paterson v Collis Ferguson... 1  
Ritz v Pringle... 1  
McElride v Dyer Streetfield... 1

18 Total... 20  
19 Total... 20  
20 Total... 20  
21 Final Result... 20

KCC FUNCTION  
The tennis section of the Kowloon Cricket Club adopts a new rule this week with the organisation of a dance at the clubhouse next Saturday.

Dancing will start at 9 p.m. and continue until 2 a.m. The evening's entertainment will include novelty dances with prizes to be won.

The Embassy Sextet will again provide the music, and members are advised to make early bookings of tables at the club, as accommodation is limited and a big attendance is expected. Subscription is five dollars per person.

KCC TOURNEY  
An all-day American Tournament is being conducted next Sunday by the tennis section of the KCC.

It will start at 10 a.m. and all members intending to take part are requested to enter their names on the list at the clubhouse as soon as possible.

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BIG TURNOUT  
AT YACHT CLUB

There was a big turnout for all races at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club last week-end, which marked the halfway period in most of the Championship Series races.

The Dragon race was the 5th in the Commodore's Cup Series and with two more races to go the yacht La Linda leads with 39 points closely followed by Vanessa with 37 points.

Hockey  
Fixtures

Sunday, November 28

Club de Recreo v Cable & Wireless, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: P.F. Xavier—Meklan Singh.

H. K. Police v Army, Sookunpoo, 10 a.m. Umpires: Yeo Siga Gater, —U.S. Dillon.

Dutch H. C. v Navy, King's Park, RNRC (1), 10 a.m. Umpires: Capt. H.J. Chinnell—J.S. Grewal.

Dockyard RC v University, King's Park, RNRC (2), 10 a.m. Umpires: A.E.F. Guest—S.B.C.P.O. Shaw.

RAF v YMCA, Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: D.T. Smith—E.R.A. Miller.

Civil Service v Khalsa, Postponed until December 19.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3031 Ex 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of 10 minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

## LRC TENNIS

Results of yesterday's tennis at the Ladies Recreation Club—Colony Ladies' Singles Semi-Finals: Mrs. Standaert and Mrs. Litten beat Miss Rumliah and Miss Choy, 6-0, 6-1.

Men's Handicap Doubles: C. W. L. Way and F. Alexander beat J. I. Barnes and D. D. S. Evans, 6-0, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES  
1 p.m. Club Mixed Doubles, A. Segalen and Mrs. Sliger v Mr. and Mrs. Bathurst.

4 p.m. Colony Ladies' Doubles Finals: Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Shewan v Mrs. Standaert and Mrs. Litten.

4.15 p.m. Handicap Mixed Doubles: C. W. L. Way and Mrs. Strohach v J. I. Barnes and Miss Lambert Baker.

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Friday, November 26, at 5.15 p.m. to inquire into the sending off the field of play of Leung Ping-jew, Captain of C.A.A., in the 1st Division League match played on November 20, 1948.

Good News for the Club is that the first Redwings should take the water this week. The first four are now being planned and were drawn for at the Club last Saturday afternoon.

There will be a Regatta on the Sunday and Monday, December 28 and December 29. A race to December 28 for Cruisers and Dragons.

There will be a formal dance on December 4 and a Gala Ball on New Year's Eve.

Following are the results of last week's races. DRAGONS

Fifth, Commodore's Cup Series, Saturday, November 20, start 2.30:—

Place Yacht & Helmsman Time Pts. Pts. Ttl.  
1st, Vanessa, Bedwicker... 9.28 87  
2nd, La Linda, Childe... 7.38 83  
3rd, Medial, Drummond... 8.27 83  
4th, Coppell, Brown... 8.14 19

Fifth, Race in Autumn Shield Series, Saturday, November 20, start 2.55:—

Place Yacht Helmsman Time Pts. Pts. Ttl.  
1st, Medley, Beeching 1.57.54 12 86 47  
2nd, Balthrop...  
3rd, Mackenzie 1.58.23 10 8 16  
4th, Boudelay 1.59.35 8 20 28

Ninth, Autumn Star Series, Sunday, November 14, start 2.50:—

Place Yacht Helmsman Time Pts. Pts. Ttl.  
1st, Denech, 1.51.45 8 8 16  
2nd, Denech...  
3rd, Daphne, Vargha 1.52.35 8 10 24  
4th, Denech...  
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Today's Games  
The following opening rounds in the Men's Doubles "B" Division will be played off to-night:

University v. Kowloon Tong "A"  
St. John's v. V.R.C. "A"  
Kowloon Dock v. K.C.C.

SECTION II  
R.A.F. v. Chung Wah  
Kowloon Tong "B" v. St. Teresa's "B"

Chinese YM.C.A. v. St. John's "B"

V.R.C. "B" v. Recreo.

The other entry in this Division is St. Teresa's "A" who have been placed in Section I.

The majority of these teams are unknown quantities, as they will consist mainly of new players, but barring any possible upsets, I think either University or St. Teresa's "A" will ultimately meet either the Y.M.C.A. or Recreo in the final of this Division.

AUTHOR DEAD  
London, November 23.

Alfred Edward Woodley (A.E.W.) Mason, author of "The Four Feathers" and many other novels, died on Monday at his flat, 10, St. James's Place, London, at the age of 83.

He had been ill for a long time. Associated Press.

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